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PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF MARSHALL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED

On March 24, 2019, Bob Byrnes, the Mayor of Marshall, acting on behalf of and for the City of Marshall, declared a state of emergency within the City of Marshall as per Minnesota Chapter 12. A declaration of a local emergency invokes necessary portions of the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster plans, and may authorize aid and assistance under those plans. With this declaration the city's emergency organization structure, plan and EOC is activated.

Due to the recent ice dams located on the Redwood River, observed record elevation Redwood River levels as well as the designed overflow of the River at Victory Park/Wayside Rest are being observed.

City leadership and staff have been performing continuous monitoring of the Redwood River and street storm water systems. Currently the River is experiencing moderate to high flows with ice dams. River structures and street storm water systems are currently taking the flows, however, the City's Public Works Division has utilized pumps in certain locations to alleviate localized urban flooding.

A declaration of a local emergency invokes necessary portions of the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster plans and may authorize aid and assistance under those plans. In particular, the City is able to combat the disaster and provide emergency assistance without complying with time-consuming procedures and formalities that are generally required before:

- The performance of public work
- Entering into contracts
- Incurring obligations
- Employing temporary workers
- Renting equipment
- Purchasing supplies and materials
- The appropriation and expenditure of public funds

The declaration also allows the City to potentially be eligible for state and federal funding to help the City cover costs associated with its response to the current River levels.

The Camden Regional Trail head parking lot located at Victory Park/Wayside Rest is open only to authorized personnel and is currently closed to the public.

The City is encouraging the public to stay safe distance from the ice dam locations as well as areas of the River where elevations and flows are near capacity of the River banks.