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City reports flooding in hopes of state declaration

The City of Jonesboro has responded to more than 300 calls and emails about flooding and drainage problems connected to last week's storm. The information was passed on to Craighead County officials, who forwarded it to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in hopes of a state disaster declaration.

ADEM Recovery Branch Manager Jodi Lee said when a declaration is received, ADEM will schedule damage assessments with individual property owners to gather information for a state assessment.

The assessment will determine whether Gov. Asa Hutchinson activates the State Individual Assistance Program.

When activated, the program will establish a call center for residents to submit applications for assistance. Homes will be inspected by officers of Craighead County's Office of Emergency Management, and ADEM will determine the type of aid for which the property owner is eligible.

Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Director Wixson Huffstedler said the last of the families sheltered at Allen Park left the facility over the Memorial Day weekend.