

Hello Laura,

I've just checked with the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. No formal request from Genesee County has been made to the state at this point. A district coordinator assigned to that region has been **working closely with city and county leaders**, and will continue to do so. The state remains in close contact with the Mayor and County Commission to help them determine what could be the most effective course for both to receive the most possible federal assistance to help address the city's health issues and water infrastructure needs. There might be other pathways to obtain federal assistance.

There is something I think you should know about. Today, Lincoln Park was returned to local control. This is the first time **in 15 years** that no Michigan municipality has had oversight from an emergency manager. There are still three school districts with such oversight. Keep in mind that emergency managers have been in place in Michigan for 10 years prior to Gov. Snyder. There appeared to be some confusion about that in the first report.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 3:32 PM

To: Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Hi, Dave,

The segment got pushed back to today.

Can you tell me, please, whether the governor has received the disaster declaration? Has he made a decision about whether to support, amend or reject it?

If there is anything else new from your office about this story, please let me know.

Thank you again.

Laura

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Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 5:30 PM

To: Conaway, Laura (NBCUniversal)

Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV)

Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Laura,

At this point, the state has not received a request from the city through the Michigan Emergency Management Act.

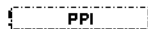
We are working with the Mayor and County Commission to help them determine what could be the most effective course for both to receive the most possible federal assistance to help address the city's health issues and water infrastructure needs. There might be other pathways to generate assistance. We are working closely with them to help with this.

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Thank you for that pertinent information. That is all very helpful to hear. I still don't know how the governor intends to respond to the declaration of an emergency (or disaster). Has he not decided?

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Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

The administration continues to work closely with Mayor Weaver on her request. **Today**, representatives of the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division met with Mayor Weaver and members of the Genesee County Commission to discuss what options would be available to the city and county through the Michigan Emergency Management Act and the federal Stafford Act, and what could be the most effective course for both to receive federal assistance to help address the city's health issues and water infrastructure needs.

At this point, the state has not received a request from the city through the Michigan Emergency Management Act. (And Laura, please don't confuse the Michigan Emergency Management Act with the emergency managers who were running financially distressed cities. As an aside, there were four emergency managers covering cities in Michigan when the governor took office. Soon, there will be none.)

Again, it would be remiss to not mention that the state so far has offered more than \$10 million in grants and other financial assistance to cover part of the payment for the temporary switch to the Great Lakes Water Authority until Flint's new water source is ready to go online as well as efforts to improve existing city water infrastructure and purchase water filters for residents.