

Town of Newark
1336 Newark Street
Newark, Vermont 05871

November 11, 2025

President Donald Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Subject: Formal request for reconsideration of denied Disaster Declaration

Dear President Trump,

We are writing in support of Governor Phil Scott's appeal urging your administration to reconsider the decision to deny a Disaster Declaration for the severe storms that struck Newark, Vermont and surrounding towns on July 10, 2025. While we understand and respect the rigorous criteria set forth by the Stafford Act and FEMA regulations, the sustained impact of this event on our small rural community warrants re-evaluation of the initial decision.

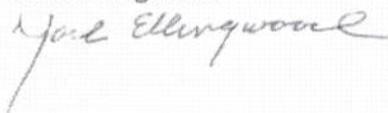
Newark is a very small rural town with 43 miles of dirt roads. Our tax base is limited with just 695 total parcels. Our Highway Budget for 2025 is \$427,084. The total unbudgeted amount for the July 10th flood damage to date is \$107,152 which is over 25% of our 2025 Highway budget. This amount will cause a significant tax increase burden to Newark residents. Newark was also affected by major storms on July 10th 2023 and 2024, which have been a hardship to Newark residents. At this point it is likely that Newark will have to take out a loan to operate the Highway Department for the remainder of 2025. In addition, 2026 property taxes will have to be raised to cover this expense.

Based on the information above, we earnestly request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review the appeal of Vermont's Governor Phil Scott, requesting reconsideration of the July 10, 2025 Disaster Declaration.

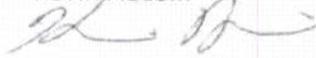
Respectfully,

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