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### **Assessment Officials Deploying to Flood Impacted Areas Saturday, May 30**

Kent County officials will be travelling to areas along the Grand River in Plainfield Township, Ada Township, and Lowell to conduct damage assessment on Saturday, May 30. The Grand River (at the Comstock Park gauge) crested 4.4 feet above flood stage last week and is expected to fall below flood stage on Wednesday, May 27. Homeowners are encouraged to contact 211 for non-emergency assistance and to report any damage related to this event.

Residents are encouraged to visit <https://www.accesskent.com/News/flood.htm> for more information related to local flooding, including links to additional health and safety guidance. The Kent County Department of Public Works reminds everyone that materials damaged or destroyed by flooding can be taken to the North Kent Waste and Recycling Center or the South Kent Waste and Recycling Center; disposal fees will vary based on the size of the load. In addition, the Kent County Public Health Department advises if flood water or sewage has leaked into your home, you must clean and sanitize as soon as possible. Wear rubber gloves, goggles and boots, wash down all surfaces with clean water and low suds detergent, and sanitize all surfaces by rinsing for 15 minutes with 8 tablespoons of chlorine bleach per gallon of water used. Clean-up kits are available from the American Red Cross free of charge; please call 616-456-8661. If your well water supply has been contaminated with floodwaters, it should be considered unsafe until tested and found safe to drink. Water testing sample bottles are available from the Kent County Health Department Laboratory.