Binghamton University Responds to September 2011 Flood
Center for Civic Engagement

How was the community affected?
- Over 20,000 homes flooded
- Hundreds of businesses, nonprofits, & public properties impacted
- Nearly $1,000,000,000 in damage

How did Binghamton University help?
- 1,900 people housed in Emergency Shelters at Binghamton University for 2 weeks (supported by over 1,100 volunteers)
- More than 275 students cleaned out flooded homes
- At least 20 resource drives were held (food, clothes, cleaning supplies,...)
- Dozens of service events/activities conducted
- Raised thousands of dollars
- Over 10,000 service hours provided

How was this disaster reflected in our educational mission?
2-credit Flood Recovery Service-Learning Course launched October 12, 2011
- Co-instructors: Dr. Don Loewen (Vice-Provost for Undergraduate Education) & Dr. Allison Alden (Director of the Center for Civic Engagement)
- 6 sessions open to campus and community
- Provided almost 2,000 hours of community service in flood recovery

How did the Center for Civic Engagement help?
- Served as university coordinating hub
- Managed and distributed up-to-date information
- Guided the development of community assistance activities
- Launched flood recovery initiatives— including home cleaning teams

What are the next steps?
“Although the flood waters have receded, the rebuilding of our community has just begun.”
- Flood Recovery Student Assistance Teams 2012-13
- Alternative Spring Break 2012—local flood recovery assistance

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