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As a result of the storm event on July 2, 2013, the City of Lebanon incurred substantial damage over a broad area of the City. As a result, the Governor issued a Declaration of Disaster. On July 9, City officials, and staff, toured the City with representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security, to begin the damage assessment. The City has developed preliminary cost estimates for emergency responses and temporary fixes, and for reconstruction to prevent conditions as required by FEMA to support the request to the President for the Declaration of Disaster.

As of July 10, the City estimates that approximately \$137,000 has been expended on emergency response and temporary fixes necessary to protect health and human safety, including a temporary water Main for Slayton Hill. We expect this figure to increase.

Preliminary estimates to restore the City's infrastructure to pre-event conditions have reached \$6.5 million. The city's highway infrastructure took the brunt in terms of damage with an estimated pre-storm reconstruction cost of \$3.4 million for Slayton Hill, and an additional \$900,000 for other highway infrastructure. An additional \$7,000 for water mains on Meriden Road has also been estimated. The City's airport suffered major damage in the form of road washouts, detention pond failure, and buckling of pavement in the rear areas of the hangar facilities, at an estimated cost of \$1.7 million. There are no safety concerns associated with the damage. Recreation facilities also incurred substantial damage and include areas such as Storrs Hill and Goodwin Park. The Department of Public Works estimates that it will cost \$300,000 to restore Storrs Hill, and up to \$50,000 to repair damage at Goodwin Park. The parking lot at Riverside Park washed out causing around \$2,000 worth of damage. The Landfill was also affected by the storm, sustaining approximately \$100,000 in damages to include road washouts and destruction of 2 monitoring wells. Lebanon City Hall and the Lebanon Library both experienced small leaks totaling around \$5,000.

These totals do not include damage to Rivermere Community Housing, which is estimated to be around \$400,000.

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