

# Iowa Disaster Update



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# Iowa Disaster 2008

Responding, Recovering, Rebuilding



This event was preceded by five federally declared disasters in the preceding 15 months

- February 2007 Severe Weather – Ice Storm
- February 2007 Record Snow
- May 2007 Severe Weather and Flooding
- August 2007 Severe Weather and Flooding
- December 2007 Severe Weather – Ice Storm



# Parkersburg

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# Parkersburg School

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# Mason City

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# Little Sioux Scout Ranch

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# New Hartford

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# Cedar Falls

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# Cedar Rapids

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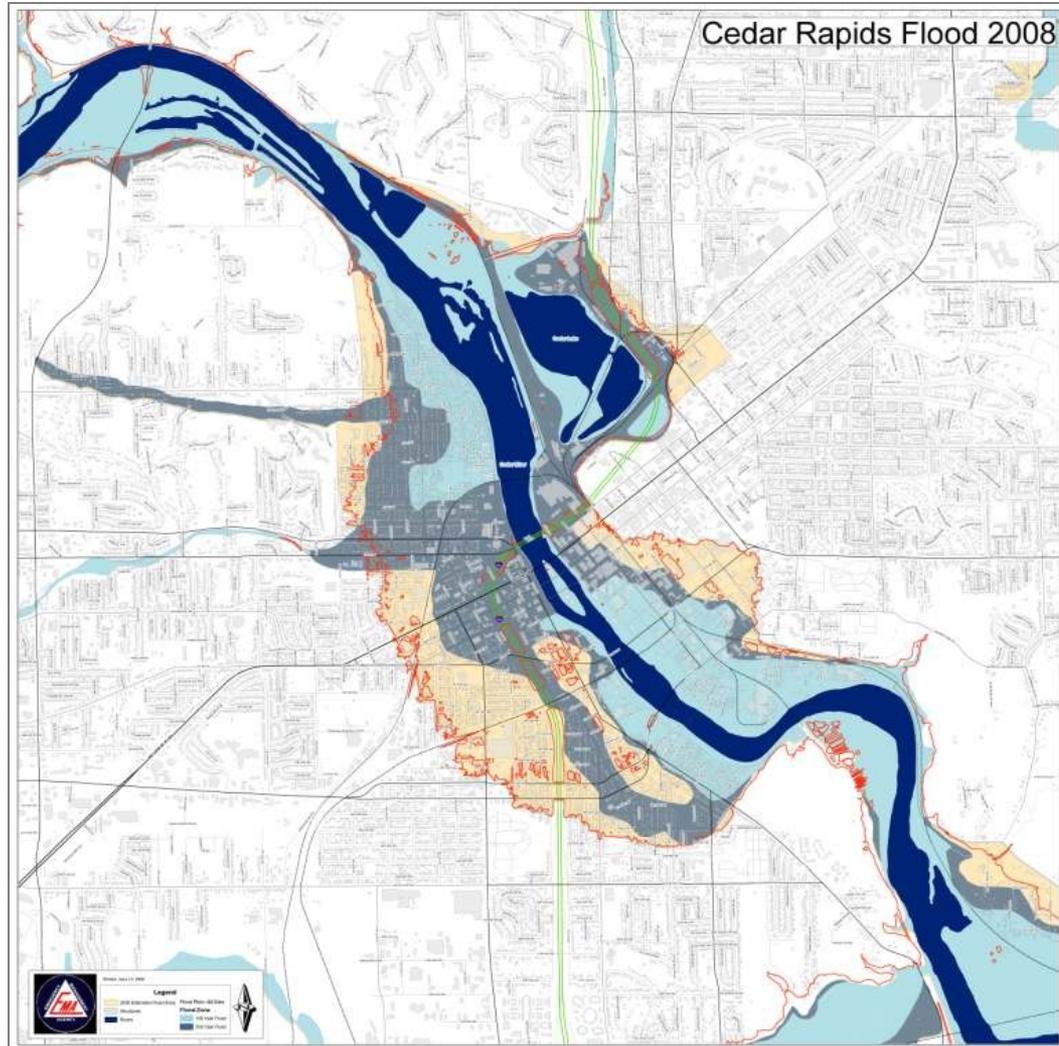


# Cedar Rapids

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# Iowa City

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# Oakville

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# Des Moines

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# Iowa's Great Floods of 2008 by the numbers

- The Governor proclaimed **86** counties disaster areas, covering nearly **45,000** square miles and almost **700** cities and towns.
- 18** fatalities and hundreds of injuries.
- 38,000** people were displaced.
- 24** state roads, **20** highways, and over **1,000** secondary roads were closed.



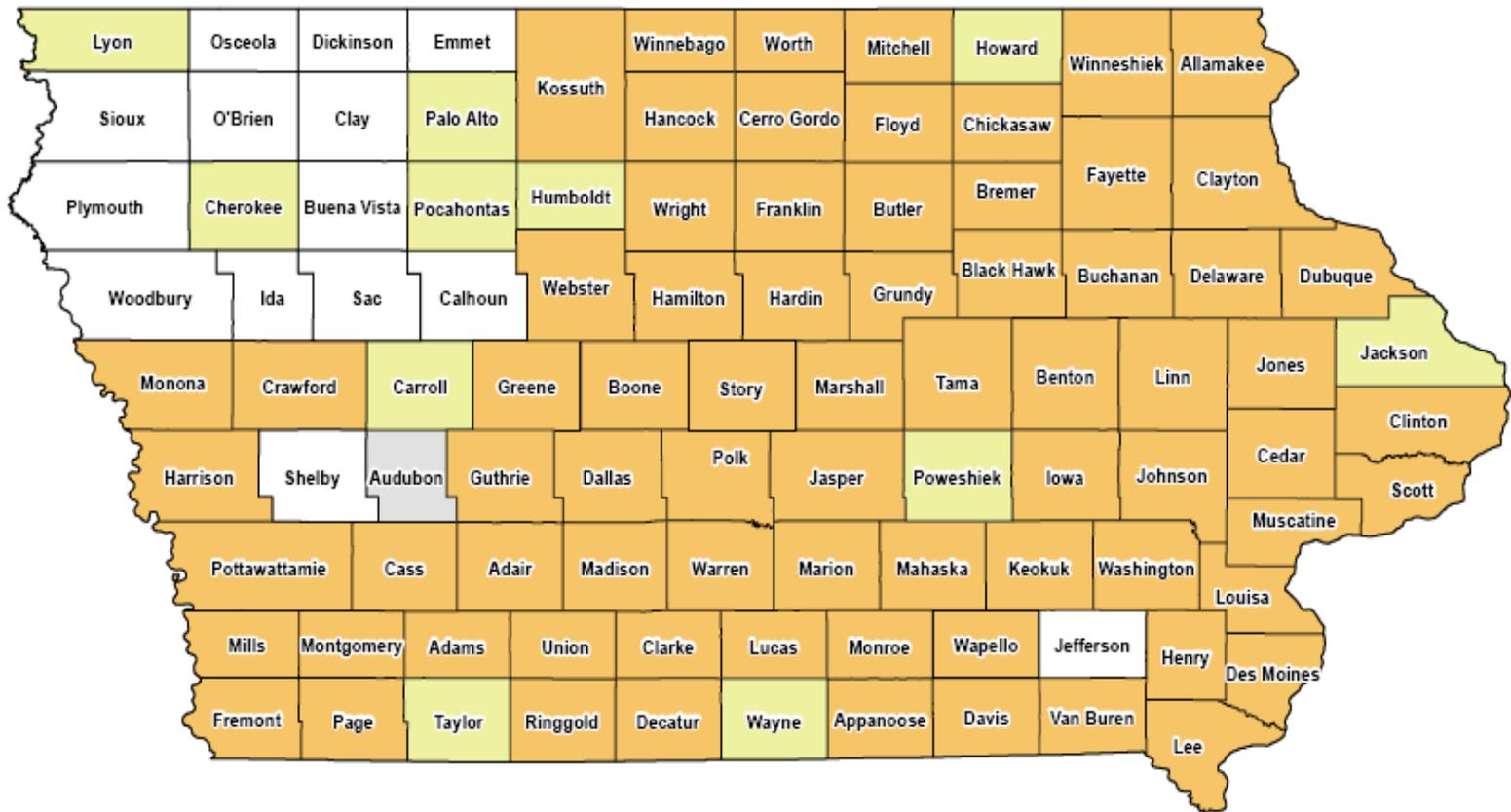
# Iowa's Great Floods of 2008 by the numbers

- More than **1,000** animals were placed in rescue shelters.
- More than **6 million** sandbags were distributed.
- More than **300,000** gallons of water were distributed.



# Presidential Disaster Declaration

85 of Iowa's 99 counties under Presidential Disaster Declaration



# Disaster Assistance for Individuals and Businesses

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## Individual Assistance Program

- **\$138 million** approved for housing and other needs assistance

## Small Business Administration Loans

- **\$272 million** in loans to renters, homeowners, and businesses



# Assistance for Government and Non-profit Entities

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- **\$817 million** obligated in Public Assistance Program Funding
- Total expected to reach **\$1.3 billion**
- Estimated number of projects: 10,000
- Funding used for:
  - Emergency response
  - Debris removal
  - Repair or restoration of public infrastructure



# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

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- 246 projects in development totaling \$589 million**

- 83 projects awarded totaling \$102 million**

- Property acquisition (buyout)
- Construction of tornado safe rooms
- Infrastructure
- Mitigation planning
- Enhanced Mitigation Plan means more hazard mitigation funding for Iowa



*Iowa State Fairgrounds Saferoom Shelter*

# **Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission**

Bipartisan commission created by the Governor to assess disaster impacts, develop long-term vision for rebuilding, advise on state's ongoing recovery efforts.

## **Rebuild Iowa Office**

- Coordinate state recovery efforts
- Maximize federal assistance
- Ensure resources are being strategically applied to rebuilding efforts
- Support work of Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission

**Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management** works closely with the RIAC and RIO to coordinate and carry out Iowa's disaster recovery.

# **\$3.6 Billion Allocated to Iowa's Recovery**

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**In addition to FEMA assistance some major sources of funding:**

**\$798.7 Million**

Community Disaster Block Grant Funds

**\$302 Million**

U.S. Department of Agriculture Emergency Watershed, Rural Development, Farm Services and Emergency Conservation Programs

**\$418 Million**

Iowa Finance Authority Tax Credits

**\$35 Million**

Jumpstart Housing and Business Programs

**\$35 Million**

U.S. Department of Transportation

Complete list of funding at [www.rio.iowa.gov](http://www.rio.iowa.gov)

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