

## Funding still available for Holly Acres flood victims

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Residents of the Holly Acres Mobile Home park in Woodbridge look at vehicles that were tossed into trees as massive flooding from Marumsco Creek virtually demolished the residential area on Thursday evening. By Friday morning the residents began sorting through the wreckage, salvaging what they could. The entire park was under orders to evacuate, while the Red Cross set up a shelter at Woodbridge Senior High School. John Boal/News & Messenger

WOODBIDGE, Va. - There is still money available for flood victims, according to Action in Community Through Service Executive Director Frances Harris.

During her presentation to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors Tuesday, Harris stated there is an estimated \$38,724 – or half a month’s rent – available for the 76 people who registered for financial assistance from Tropical Storm Lee.

All of those who registered for assistance were from the devastated Holly Acres mobile home park, according to Harris. A total of \$88,271 was donated through the SPARKS school fund, \$33,278 from direct donations to ACTS and \$10,000 from a grant from the Woodbridge Lions Club.

Most of the money was used for rental assistance, approximately a \$1,000 per household. Prescription assistance, gas cards and retail gift cards were also donated as well as \$1,000 for a homeowner to purchase a new trailer.

According to Harris, many of the families are living in temporary rental residences and the best remedy for any further assistance would be more permanent affordable housing in Prince William County.

During the Holly Acres appeal hearing last week, Woodbridge Supervisor Frank J. Principi said he would like to see the county to get more serious about providing more affordable housing in order to end the county non-profits' goal of ending homelessness in 10 years.