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### SEVERE WEATHER CAUSES DAMAGE IN LANCASTER COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: May 10, 2021

On May 4, 2021, Lancaster County experienced widespread damage as a result of a severe thunderstorm that passed through the area around 7:00pm. The National Weather Service concluded that straight-line winds caused the damage that occurred along and near the Eastern Branch of the Corrotoman River and Black Stump Road. The area of damage was roughly 4.5 miles in length and 1-1.5 miles wide. Winds in this area were estimated at 70-90 mph.

There were no reported injuries caused by this event. As of this afternoon, there were 24 homes damaged in this event and one commercial structure damaged. There are numerous downed trees with one landowner reporting having more than 40 downed trees on their property. There were multiple vehicles damaged during this event to include one Lancaster County Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicle.

Citizens wishing to dispose of storm related debris and vegetation including shrubs, tree trimmings, bushes, leaves, twigs, cut up limbs or large tree debris, are encouraged to dispose of the debris at the R. L. Self Wood Yard in Lively, located at 6088 Mary Ball Road. Disposal of storm debris will be at no cost to County residents. Debris generated from commercial activities will also be accepted; however, a fee will be incurred by haulers for disposal of debris. Citizens with storm related construction debris may dispose of the debris as normal at the County Convenience Centers.

Residents who have experienced damage to their properties, requiring a building permit for repair, are eligible for the Lancaster County permit fees to be waived, for storm-related repairs only. Fees for permits not issued for the repair of storm-related damages will continue to be assessed at the normal rate. Any questions regarding building permits and fees should be directed to the Lancaster County Building Office at (804) 462-5124.

We would like to thank the many first responders and volunteers that came out to assist the response to this event to include the Kilmarnock Vol. Fire Department, White Stone Vol. Fire Department, Upper Lancaster Vol. Fire Department, Kilmarnock Vol. Rescue Squad, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Kilmarnock Police Department, Virginia Department of Transportation, Dominion Energy, Lancaster County CERT, and the many commercial businesses and residents that came out and assisted with clearing debris.

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