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I. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATE AND COUNTY DEBRIS CLEARANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

General Reference: NY STATE EMERGENCY DEBRIS CLEARANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES, as prepared by the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission. This County Policy and Procedure statement is intended to augment the State Policy and Procedure statement, as appropriate, and clarify County policy and procedures in absence of State and/or Federal involvement.

Under a State Disaster Emergency Declaration, the County will be responsible to remove and dispose of debris on County property, regardless of whether the State or others participate in its original clearance to allow passage of emergency vehicles.

In the event of a County Disaster Emergency Declaration (but without State Declaration), the County will be responsible for emergency debris clearance on county roads and property. In addition, the County may be requested to assist with debris clearance on public roads owned by Towns and/or Villages within the County. Such efforts will be subject to the following policy.

II. COUNTY EMERGENCY DEBRIS CLEARANCE POLICY

A. MISSION RESPONSIBILITIES

County resources may be utilized to clear debris from roads and public property. The removal of cleared debris and ultimate storage and/or disposal is the responsibility of the governmental entity/owner.

B. MISSION PRIORITIES

1. First Priority: clearance of transportation corridors to enable passage of emergency vehicles.

   A priority review will be undertaken quickly, within 12 hours of the event, to document the needs. The review will be conducted in the following sequence:
   - Corridors that have no close alternate route,
   - County roads in order of decreasing ADT,

- County bridges on dead end Town roads which serve as sole points of access,
- County bridges on Town roads where alternative access routes are long,
- Remaining County roads and bridges,
- Assist Towns with high population areas to get a single lane of access to all areas,
- Assist Towns with problems with focus on dead end roads which serve as sole access points.

2. Second Priority: clearance to allow utility crew access.

3. Third Priority: other clearance as directed by the County Emergency Services (CES) Coordinator.

C. MISSION REQUESTS

Requests for assistance by Towns and Villages shall be made to the CES Coordinator for evaluation and prioritization with respect to County needs and resources.

D. MISSION ASSIGNMENTS

Direction to County forces for debris clearance and removal shall be as provided by the CES Coordinator.

E. COMPLETION DATE

The CES Coordinator, in consultation with the County Chair of the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate County senior management, will determine and announce the deadline for collection of debris from County-owned public property.

III. COUNTY DEBRIS CLEARANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The CES Coordinator shall provide overall direction and control of available County resources under a County Disaster Emergency Declaration. The CES Coordinator shall coordinate with State and Federal officials, as appropriate.

B. The County Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for clearance of County Routes and removal of debris therefrom. The DPW will coordinate with State Department of Transportation resources as appropriate, and provide assistance to Towns and Villages, according to this Policy and Procedure statement.

C. The County Solid Waste Management Coordinator will provide advice and assistance in the selection of appropriate disposal areas for County, as well as Town and Village debris.