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State officials preach preparedness as individuals, businesses continue flood recovery (WIS-TV)

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) -

Five months removed from the deadly historic flood that took place across the Midlands and the state is still recovering from the damage that was done.

Some businesses like Michael Marsha's on Forest Drive were left in shambles after the flood.

"It was a magnificent sight, even though it was disastrous," Marsha said. "I've never seen nature like this. Never witnessed it."

Other businesses down the road, however, are re-opening. Among them are Michael's, which is now open, and PetSmart, which will have its grand opening this Saturday. Marshall's is slated to re-open on April 7th.

Marsha is aiming to re-open Forest Lake Fabrics sometime this summer.

"When you're having to change and flood-proof," Marsha said, "it's just not like putting it back together. Everything has to be i's dotted and t's crossed."

South Carolina Emergency Management Division Director Kim Stenson said people are recovering. However, some of them still have unmet needs.

Meanwhile, Stenson says there are still bridges and roads that need repair and reimbursements to collect from FEMA. As repairs continue, Stenson and other state officials are preaching preparedness for future floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and ice storms.

"Your family needs to know what their surroundings are, what the hazards," Stenson said. "They need to know where they're going to go in the event that there's some sort of emergency, where to go in the house if there's some sort of tornado."

Major General Bob Livingston, South Carolina's Adjutant General, wants all South Carolinians to develop a 72-hour survival plan for any kind of natural disaster.

"A couple of inches of rain today is not like a couple inches of rain a year ago," Maj. Gen. Livingston said.

He also warned that springtime flash flooding could be a bigger concern this year because of the flooding in October.

"We're still draining a lot of swamps," he said. "The ground is very, very saturated, so any rain that we do have does accentuate the conditions, and we certainly don't have any reservoirs to fill up."

The SCEMD will also hold a statewide tornado drill this Wednesday. Schools, families and businesses are all being

asked to participate.

Dam owners holding up repairs on flood-damaged roads (WACH)

By Melanie Barden Monday, March 7th 2016

COLUMBIA, SC (WACH)- About 540 roads were closed after October's historic flooding destroyed road ways, bridges and dams.

Now, SCDOT has reported there are 49 closures remaining and most of them are in Richland County. That's 91% down from October 2015.

The majority of those closures have been caused by privately owned dams that were damaged after the rainfall.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control regulates some of those dams and has reported that since the floods, they assessed 652 dams statewide.

They issued 76 emergency orders to repair privately owned dams.

Currently, 25 of those dam owners have not provided DHEC with the requested information which is holding up road repairs.

Non-profits look to launch Horry Co. Long Term Recovery Group (WBTW)

HORRY COUNTY, SC (WBTW) – A group of non-profit organizations are working to create an Horry County Long Term Recovery Group in response to October's historic flooding.

Kelly Kaminski, regional coordinator for Catholic Charities, tells News13 the group is searching for volunteers to help with its management and development in Horry County. Kaminski says it is looking to fill several critical positions on the steering committee, including chairman, secretary, case management, and fundraising.

On March 9, people interested in volunteering are asked to bring a resume or list of work projects previously managed to the Carolina Forest Recreation Center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to participate in the Horry County Long Term Recovery Group Steering Committee meeting.

Kaminski says Catholic Charities has analyzed unmet needs in Horry County since October's flooding, and has found there is still a significant need. She says the most critical areas are in roofing, flooring and mold removal; however, river levels have prevented work from beginning on many properties.

Kaminski says the goal of the group is to pair residents in need with organizations who can provide critical services to help them recover from flooding damage.

Similar Long Term Recovery Groups have been formed in Georgetown County and Florence County.

Shop Around: Flooded stores reopen at Rosewood Crossing (The State)

Michaels reopens this week

Marshalls to reopen April 7

By Janet Jones Kendall

Life is returning to the **Rosewood Crossing** shopping center at 4400 Ft. Jackson Blvd. following the flooding that gutted the interiors of two major anchor stores there in October.

Michaels craft store is hosting its grand reopening all week this week while **Marshalls** department store has announced its grand reopening date of April 7. Both stores had opened only two months prior to the flooding which destroyed all inventory in each of them.

Store managers at Michaels are not permitted to give comments to the media. Michaels was packed with customers at its reopening ribbon cutting festivities on Sunday where \$10 gift cards were distributed to the first 100 customers.

Hayne Street repairs complete after October culvert collapse (GoUpstate.com)

After months of construction, a road in the Arcadia community that collapsed during heavy flooding has reopened.

Friday, crews completed repairs to a Hayne Street culvert that had washed out in October as a result of heavy rainfall in the state.

"We have pulled the barricades out of the way, and it is open now," said Brandon Wilson, assistant maintenance engineer for the S.C. Department of Transportation's District 3 office.

The area of Hayne Street near Ethel Road had been closed and under construction for more than five months. The collapse was the only case of major flood damage in Spartanburg County while the Midlands and Lowcountry

experienced numerous dam and bridge collapses.

On Oct. 1, 2015, the culvert washed out, and the roadway above it collapsed, causing a man driving on Hayne Street to fall into the ravine below. The man was carried away by rushing waters before first responders got to him and he was brought to safety.

The culvert collapse was adjacent to a small pocket of about six homes. Those living there were forced to take a lengthy detour to get to the other side of the road.

"I don't have to go around the world just to go to church anymore," said Darlene Brooks, who lives in one of the homes nearest to the culvert.

Prior to the collapse, neighbors said they had noticed that the culvert was cracking, and water was pooling under the roadway, but nothing was done to make repairs. Some said the collapse could have been prevented.

"They needed to do that years ago I think," Brooks said of the new culvert and roadway. "But they did a fantastic job and we're really pleased with it. ... It's a 100 percent improvement."

Part of the funding for the Hayne Street repairs came from emergency relief funds that were made available to South Carolina after experiencing historic rainfall totals, Wilson said.