

Town of Red Hook Supervisor, Sue Crane, reminds all residents that Dutchess County has been notified it has been declared a disaster area from the results of Hurricane Irene, and has been approved for disaster assistance from the federal government. We are now eligible to receive **Public Assistance and Individual Assistance**. The Town of Red Hook is in the process of applying to FEMA to recover financial costs due to the storm.

Individual Assistance is financial aid for homeowners, renters and businesses. *The program includes grants for repairs and for rent of alternative housing, low-interest disaster loans from the US Small Business Administration and grants for other serious unmet needs.*

Residents can apply for assistance in the following ways:

- Registering on line at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov>
- Call (800) 621-FEMA 3362 from 7 am to 10 pm
- TTY (800) 462-7585 from 7 am to 10 pm
- 711 or Video Relay Service, (800) 621-3362 from 7 am to 10 pm

Together with Dutchess County government, we encourage residents and businesses to **apply as soon as possible for assistance**.