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### **Lincoln County and Lincolnton City Prepare for Hurricane Irma**

Lincolnton, NC – Lincoln County and Lincolnton City officials are closely monitoring Hurricane Irma and its path of travel. As of this afternoon, it is not anticipated that evacuation or the establishment of shelters will be needed in any part of Lincoln County. However, residents and visitors should be aware in mind that small changes in the storms' path can result in greater impacts for our area. Lincoln County Emergency Management has notified the County Manager's Office and Lincolnton City of what events will trigger the need for the issuance of emergency declarations and orders. Based on the current official forecast, we do not anticipate that those thresholds will be met and no recommendations are under consideration at this time.

Residents and visitors should monitor weather reports and be aware of any updated watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service. There is the potential for severe weather, including strong winds and rain as the storm makes landfall. Should the path of the storm shift more toward Lincoln County, residents will need to be aware of the potential impacts and prepare or arrange any personal property accordingly.

Hurricane Irma is expected to track toward southern Florida over the weekend, then along the East Coast of Florida and Georgia on Monday. While it is too early to determine what, if any, direct impacts to expect from Irma, Lincoln County and Lincolnton City are prepared to make any adjustments as needed to ensure the safety of its citizens and visitors.

Please be mindful that the peak of hurricane season is present and it is prudent to be prepared. The National Hurricane Center has additional resources and information on hurricane preparedness at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>.

Additional information will be distributed to the public upon our agencies receiving official updates to the weather forecast.