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Gov. Whitmer, AG Nessel to Examine Legal Options to Assist State's Recovery Efforts After Midland County Flood

LANSING, MICH. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel are committed to exploring any legal avenue available to assist Michigan residents who are recovering from the flood in Midland County and secure compensation for damages to public property and natural resources.

Gov. Whitmer declared a state of emergency for Midland County after the Edenville and Sanford dams breached Tuesday. The situation comes as the state grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has already impacted the state's economy and caused thousands of deaths.

"The damage from this crisis has devastated thousands of Midland County residents and business owners," said Governor Whitmer. "We must work together to ensure everyone who has been impacted by this event has the support they need to recover. I will work with the Attorney General and my partners at the state and federal level to help our families through this, and to help them get back on their feet once it's safe to return home."

"As Michigan continues to grapple with a deadly virus, our resiliency is being tested as the state is thrust into another emergency situation," Attorney General Nessel said. "My office will work with the Governor to consider any and all legal options that are available to address this serious set of circumstances. Throughout our state's history, Michiganders have come together in difficult times, and this time will be no different."

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