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SARATOGA COUNTY UNVEILS REAL-TIME STORM DAMAGE REPORTING TOOL

BALLSTON SPA, NY – The Saratoga County Office of Emergency Management today unveiled a new storm reporting tool for residents. Information collected through the Storm Damage Reporting Tool will help inform effective and timely planning and response to storm conditions and damage.

Residents can easily submit real-time information about severe weather-related events and storm-related damage to infrastructure in Saratoga County at <u>www.saratogacountyny.gov/StormReporter</u>.

Residents simply choose whether they are reporting storm damage or severe weather and fill in the location, date, and time of the observation. Users also have the option of uploading a photo as well as including additional comments and their contact information.

This is not a replacement for 911. In emergencies, residents are always instructed to dial 911.

Carl Zeilman, Director of the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Management said, "We are proud to bring this Storm Reporting tool to Saratoga County residents. The information collected from the tool will allow emergency management staff to better support efforts by public works, utilities, and hazard mitigation professionals following severe-weather events."

Information collected may be shared with first responders, town officials, the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Management, and the Saratoga County Department of Public Works if applicable.

For more information about the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Management, please visit <u>www.saratogacountyny.gov</u>.