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Wayne County Declares State of Emergency in Highland Park

Highland Park, MI – Wayne County, in conjunction with the City of Highland Park, has declared a state of emergency with the state of Michigan in response to the City's water department system failure today. The system failure has resulted in water shortages for City residents, businesses and government facilities, leaving many with no running water.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has signed the declaration, effective immediately.

Wayne County Department of Homeland Security has been assisting Highland Park throughout the day, as local resources have been used to their maximum potential during the initial stages of the emergency, and as the situation continued throughout the day.

Highland Park City officials are hopeful water service will resume by Sunday morning, January 2. Residents seeking drinking water can visit the Highland Park community center for bottled water.

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