Give Your Input and Get Help at Flood Recovery Meetings

HAZARD, Ky. (WYMT) - The Kentucky River Area Development District is hosting meetings starting Thursday regarding flood recovery in Breathitt, Knott, Letcher and Perry Counties.

KRADD Executive Director Michelle Allen said they want to hear from people directly impacted by the flood.

"We want to hear all of the needs of the community because there may be things out there that organizations like us or even local governments do not realize people still need," she said.

AppalReD is a non-profit offering legal aid to lower-income people, and Directing Attorney Charnel Burton said she is still seeing people needing resources.

"It has been almost a year since the flood hit and I know people are still suffering, they are still having issues and we need to know what those are so we can route people to the correct resources," she said.

Burton said she hopes with the meetings, they can create a plan to help those that are still in need.

"Together hopefully, we can point them (flood survivors) at whatever resources are available, that will meet their needs, or if there are not any to meet those needs, we can figure out how to get those needs met. What do we need to do, what funding do we need as a community to be able to meet those needs and get these people back in stable housing again," she explained.

The locations are:

• Letcher County - June 22 at Hemphill Community Center, June 27 at CANE Kitchen.

- Perry County June 26 at Buckhorn Children's Center, July 13 at Homeplace Community Center.
- Knott County July 10 at Montgomery Baptist Church, July 18 at Caney Baptist Church.
- Breathitt County July 20 at Robinson Center Auditorium.

If you are not able to make it or need more information, contact the Kentucky River Area Development District below. For the full story, click <u>here</u>.

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