



2008 Wind Storm

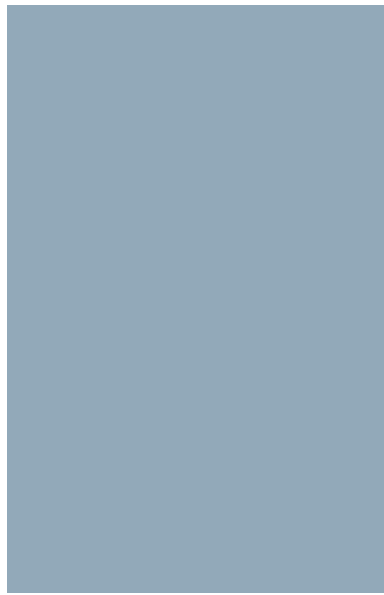
Hamilton County's Response

- 9/14/08 remnants of Hurricane Ike hit SW Ohio
- Category 1 hurricane
- Winds 75 mph
- Widespread damage
- Over 900,000 people lost electricity (90% of residents)



Hamilton County's Response

- 9/18/08 Policy Committee passes motion authorizing \$500,000 from carryover to assist communities managing storm debris
- Met with community representatives
- District provided tub grinding and wood chip removal service
- 14 sites in 12 communities
- \$368,623.31 cost



Resident Assistance

- Opened Yard Trimmings Drop-Off sites for extended hours
- One site averaged 700 cars per day the first week after storm
- September 2008: 800 tons collected (average year is 80 tons)
- Compiled list of how each community was handling yard trimmings



Media Collaboration

- Issued press releases and media reminders/alerts
- Conducted a media briefing on 9/17/08 to inform public of drop-off
- Resulted in 6 newspaper stories and 26 TV spots in 2 weeks



Lessons Learned

- FEMA eligibility
- Procurement of Services
- Estimating costs

