

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SURROGATE'S OFFICE TO WAIVE COPY FEE FOR DOCUMENTS
LOST TO HURRICANE SANDY**

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OCEAN COUNTY Surrogate Jeffrey W. Moran announced his office will waive the copy fee for records impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

“Effective immediately, my office will replace - free of charge - any will or other Surrogate record lost in the hurricane,” Moran said.

Moran said his office will work closely with residents to determine what documents were lost and need to be recreated.

“We keep careful records of all of our transactions and we are more than happy to provide this important free service to our residents who may have seen their property devastated by this horrific storm,” Moran said.

All requests can be made at The Ocean County Surrogate's Office, 118 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08754. Any questions, please feel free to contact 732-929-2011.

Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari, liaison to the Surrogate's office, praised the effort.

“This is yet another way Ocean County's government can assist our residents recover during this difficult time,” Vicari said.

A similar program is also under way in the Ocean County Clerk's Office, where property owners can obtain free copies of their deeds.

Property owners contacting the Ocean County Clerk's Office need to provide the following information to obtain a certified copy of their deed:

- Property Owner name
- Property address
- Approximate date of purchase or deed transfer.

Property owners can visit the County Clerk Deed Room at the Toms River Office at the Ocean County Court House located at 118 Washington Street in Toms River or call (732) 929-2053. In addition, property owners can visit the Clerk's Office at the Southern Service Center located at 179 South Main Street in Manahawkin or call (609) 597-1500.

Property owners can also send their requests via e-mail to scolabella@co.ocean.nj.us to obtain copies of their deed.