

Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission gets \$1 million from FEMA to restore documents damaged by Sandy

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded more than \$1 million to the [Passaic](#) Valley Sewerage Commission to restore documents that were damaged by a tidal surge during Hurricane Sandy, Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr. announced Tuesday.

The documents have been in frozen storage since the storm, and the FEMA grant will pay 75 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million to pay for their continued storage and restoration, Pascrell said. He added that the restoration process would include vacuum freeze drying, sterilizing, fumigating and cleaning the documents, and copying them to a material close to the original.

Under terms of the grant, the FEMA money will be sent to New Jersey, which is obligated to pass it along to the sewerage commission in the form of reimbursements for money spent on the project.

The [Passaic](#) Valley Sewerage Commission treats sewage for 48 North Jersey communities.