

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 02, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT

Matthew Sutton | 304.389.4475

[Matthew.Sutton@CityofCharleston.org](mailto:Matthew.Sutton@CityofCharleston.org)

## CITY OF CHARLESTON ASSESSING DAMAGE DUE TO MOST RECENT SEREVE WEATHER EVENT

*More storms expected later this afternoon and this evening*

(Charleston, W. Va.) – All City of Charleston crews are out assessing the damage from the significant weather event which occurred earlier today. The Charleston Fire Department, Charleston Police Department, Street Department and Refuse Department are currently working to clear roads of trees, work with AEP on down powerlines and ensure access to hospitals and schools.

The City is working with the Kanawha County Commission closely on efforts to determine the significance of the damage and prepare for addition weather coming this afternoon. Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin has joined the Kanawha County Commission in requesting Governor Jim Justice issue a State of Emergency for Kanawha County.

“Our teams will work around the clock to ensure safe passage of our roads. We are working quickly, but safely, so please be patient and report all instances of down trees or powerlines to the City,” said Mayor Goodwin. “With more severe weather possible this afternoon, we ask everyone to listen for weather related alerts on the news or on their phone and take necessary steps to stay safe.”

Mayor Goodwin added, “I have reached out to other Mayor’s in the County to let them know the City of Charleston stands ready to assist in any cleanup effort. Once we are comfortable that the weather has passed, it will be all hands-on-deck to assist with the cleanup and recovery efforts throughout our entire County.”

If you are aware of a down powerline and there is any reason to believe the powerline is active, immediately call 911. For all other calls related to the storm, please call 304-348-8174 or 304-348-8014.

###