



Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
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## Clarification on Current Weather Situation

SAVANNAH, GA (October 4, 2016) - Chatham County is not currently under any Tropical Storm or Hurricane watches or warnings. We are continuously monitoring the situation. Chatham County is still ahead of the timeline for an evacuation decision.

As of 5pm, Chatham County is not yet in the three day error cone for Hurricane Matthew. Sustained Tropical Storm force winds are still approximately 830 miles south, southeast of Chatham County and is moving north at 9 MPH. The current track is still forecasting the storm to remain off Georgia's coast.

This remains a very fluid situation and Matthew's track may continue to change over the next few days. CEMA is at a Level II EOC activation to monitor the situation and provide updates based on the latest information. Due to the responses in other areas, the population may have some questions about Chatham County's current status.

- **If we are under a State of Emergency, does that mean we are evacuating?**  
No, a State of Emergency allows for the suspension of laws and the deployment of state assets in order to assist specific counties and areas to prepare for and recover from disasters.
- **Why hasn't an evacuation order been issued yet?**  
Chatham County is not currently under a Hurricane Watch or Warning.
- **Why aren't we evacuating and Florida and South Carolina are?**  
Hurricane Watches and Warnings have been issued for Florida, in preparation of this, the Florida EMA issued an order evacuation. Hurricane Matthew is currently projected to make landfall in South Carolina which triggered their evacuation.
- **Has I-16 and I-95 been contra-flowed?**  
No. I-16 is only contra-flowed when Chatham County evacuates as a means of relieving the outgoing traffic to expedite the evacuation process. I-95 is not part of the contra-flow process.