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**Orange County Property Appraiser's Office Releases  
Updated Tornado Damage Assessment**

*~Saturday's tornadoes resulted in nearly \$1 million in damage~*

**Orlando, FL. – June 8, 2020** – The Orange County Property Appraiser's office has determined nearly \$1 million in damages from Saturday's tornadoes that impacted multiple locations in the central area of Orange County. Damage assessment teams were deployed on Sunday to inspect affected properties and structures reported through the Emergency Operations Center as well as discovered when in the area.

"Our damage assessment team was fully prepared to fan out into affected areas to determine and report property damages," said Rick Singh, Orange County's Property Appraiser.

Preliminary assessments of some 42 sites in the vicinity of the intersection of Lake Margaret Drive and Ferncreek Avenue reveal more than \$955,000 in damages. Notably, the Lake Margaret Village Apartments sustained an estimated \$313,000 in damages to its 10 buildings.

Three structures – residences on Waterwitch Drive, Hoffner Avenue, and Ferncreek Avenue – sustained damage determined to be "major," which refers to significant or structural damage rendering it uninhabitable without extensive repairs.

Damage assessments are critical to the recovery process and are used to determine the value of impact to the area and trigger assistance from FEMA and other funding sources. While in the affected areas today, OCPA's teams observed CDC guidelines for mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including social distancing, face covering, gloves and sanitizing efforts.

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