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Town of Loxahatchee Groves, FL**PHONE:** (561) 985-8265**EMAIL:** VOAKES@LOXAHATCHEEGROVESFL.GOV**DATE:** OCTOBER 10, 2024**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****TORNADO STRIKES LOXAHATCHEE GROVES: PUBLIC WORKS SWIFTLY RESPONDS TO DAMAGE AND ROAD CLOSURES**

Loxahatchee Groves, FL - October 10, 2024 – Yesterday, October 9, 2024 around 5:00P.M. a tornado traversed through the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, causing some damage as it moved through the area. This damage included uprooted and snapped trees, overturned RVs and trucks, and downed power lines. After impacting the town, the tornado continued into The Acreage.

Public Works crews from the Town of Loxahatchee Groves were on-site within minutes of the event, conducting rapid damage assessments and initiating debris removal operations to ensure the safety of residents and restore access where possible. Their immediate response has helped to mitigate further risks and set the groundwork for the recovery process.

Current Road Closures and Safety Information:

- **C Road between Collecting Canal Road and Gruber Lane is currently closed to all traffic** due to downed power lines. Residents are advised to avoid the area until further notice.
- Public Works teams, in collaboration with utility providers, are prioritizing the safe removal of debris and repairs to impacted infrastructure.

The Town of Loxahatchee Groves urges residents to exercise caution and stay clear of downed power lines and debris. Power restoration efforts are underway, and residents can expect ongoing activity from emergency services and utility crews throughout the recovery process.

Public Safety and Assistance:

Residents in need of assistance or with questions regarding the storm's impact are encouraged to contact the Town's Emergency Management/Public Works Director directly for guidance and support:

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The Town appreciates the cooperation and patience of residents as recovery efforts continue. Our priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of our community as we work to restore normalcy as quickly as possible.

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