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**THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY - PLEDGES \$2.5 MILLION IN LOW INTEREST
LOANS TO ASSIST SHATTERED COMMUNITIES FROM IRENE'S AFTERMATH**

CATSKILL, NEW YORK – The Bank of Greene County announced today that the Bank has pledged \$2.5 million in low interest loans to support local businesses to recover in the aftermath of Irene.

Don Gibson, President & CEO stated: “Large parts of our community have been devastated by Tropical Storm Irene. We felt that due to the size of the destruction an immediate response was required. Therefore, we have dedicated \$2.5 million to help rebuild our shattered communities. We are not waiting six months or a year to respond, we are making our pledge available today.”

“Being the only local Bank with offices in Greene, Columbia and southern Albany counties, the program is designed to support businesses located in the Bank’s market area. Being deeply involved with the community is a central part of our business philosophy, because the prosperity of our company ultimately rests with the promise of the people and places we serve.”

For more information on how the Bank can assist your business, please contact Perry Lasher or Steve Nelson at 518-943-1424.

Pictured from left to right are:

Perry Lasher, Vice President, Commercial Lending

Donald Gibson, President & CEO

Stephen Nelson, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer

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