

OFFICIAL: PROGRESS 'SUBSTANTIAL' FOR FLOOD SURVIVORS IN CLAY

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BOMONT-- Officials say they're making progress on the housing needs of flood survivors in Clay County.

Earlier this month Joe and Sherry Fasanelli were still sleeping on cots in the living room, but now their home is coming along nicely. It's been nearly six months since 3 feet of water invaded their home and destroyed nearly everything they owned.

Clay County and state officials say they're also making progress on the housing needs of other flood survivors.

Rhonda McDonald, chairwoman of the Greater Clay Long-Term Recovery Committee, told The Charleston Gazette-Mail that at least no one is still living in a tent.

Maj. Gen. James Hoyer, the adjutant general of the West Virginia National Guard, called Clay's progress "substantial."

McDonald said she's happy with what's been accomplished, but there's still plenty of work to do.