

The Atlanta Flood in 2009

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Floods have happened throughout history. Whether you hear it in the bible from Noah's Ark, or on the news about the latest hurricane and its impacts, we all know it is a terrible natural disaster. A recent event of flooding happened 13 years ago, when metro Atlanta was hit by a weeklong period of intense rain, causing severe flooding in Atlanta. This essay is about how Atlanta, and Georgia were impacted by this event.

The flood began as precipitation from the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean. It began pouring down rain in Atlanta. The flood height in some areas was nearly 20 feet high, which is about 4 times the average height of a human. This was the largest recorded flood in Georgia. Sadly, 10 people died due to the event including 5 women, 4 men, and one child. Many others had to be rescued from their submerged vehicles and homes.

Many businesses and homes were affected by the flood too. Almost 17,000 homes were damaged during the flood. More than 3,000 businesses closed. Several others were destroyed as well. The theme park Six Flag's 173-foot roller-coaster, the Great American Scream Machine, was 80% under water. Many other rollercoasters were down, and not operating. About 500 million dollars was used to rebuild Atlanta.

On a personal note, my family were affected by the flood as well, although not as harshly. The docks on my neighborhood's lake were underwater completely. There was also a shortage of goods, due to the major interstates like I-75 closing because of the flood, making it harder to obtain goods. It also became harder to get to my mom's job because

of the traffic due to I-75 shutting down. Since this was only a temporary event, my family only needed temporary adaptations to their lifestyle.

In conclusion, the flood on September 15-22, 2009, was a terrible event causing major damage and major impact.