

St. Mary's River. Widespread flooding occurred across Starke. Bradford County Emergency Management reported several roads under water in the city. Alligator Creek overflowed with several homes threatened by flood waters. U.S. Highway 301 was closed from State Road 16 to Market Road due to flooding. Additional flooding concerns included North Water Street, East Mimosa Drive and Bradford Drive in Starke. Flood control gates on Lake Sampson were opened due to high lake levels.

05/03/2013 – Flooding occurred due to heavy rainfall. All four lanes of Highway 301 in Starke were closed to flooding between Market Road and State Road 16. Water and Laura Streets also had major flooding. Many other roads were closed in sections of the city due to flooding.

05/03/2013 – Flooding occurred due to heavy rainfall. Minor flooding of businesses and residences was reported along Highway 301 from Starke to Lawtey. Several roads were closed due to flood waters.

08/19/2015 – Flooding event in Lawtey, Bradford County, Florida. Heavy rainfall caused flooding near Carter Road along Highway 301. Part of Highway 301 had to be closed due to flooding.

08/19/2015 – Flooding event in Lawtey, Bradford County, Florida due to severe thunderstorms. Flooded roadways including parts of Highway 301, Grove Street and Carter Road were closed due to flooding.

08/30/2015 – Flooding event that impacted Bradford County, Florida. Laura Street near Alligator Creek was closed due to high water.

09/17/2017 – Flooding event that occurred in Bradford County, Florida when Hurricane Irma impacted the state. Flooding was present in multiple locations throughout the county. According to a Bradford County Emergency Management After-Action Report from Hurricane Irma, rainfall totals were estimated to be in excess of 18 inches. Due to lakeside flooding, approximately 16 residents of the Sampson Lake area were evacuated/rescued by the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and The Florida National Guard via HWRVs (High Water Rescue Vehicles). Major flooding occurred in three different apartment complexes located within the city limits of Starke: Heritage Village Apartments, Orangewood Apartments, and Pine Forest Apartments.

*Sources:*

- 1) [https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/listevents.jsp?eventType=%28C%29+Flash+Flood&eventType=%28Z%29+Flood&beginDate\\_mm=01&beginDate\\_dd=01&beginDate\\_yyyy=1950&endDate\\_mm=10&endDate\\_dd=31&endDate\\_yyyy=2017](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/listevents.jsp?eventType=%28C%29+Flash+Flood&eventType=%28Z%29+Flood&beginDate_mm=01&beginDate_dd=01&beginDate_yyyy=1950&endDate_mm=10&endDate_dd=31&endDate_yyyy=2017)