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Extreme Storms Will Punish Cities That Aren't Prepared.

Hurricane-strength winds and intense rainfall will target the US Northeast in coming decades, a new report warns, redrawing the US flood risk map.

In August 2021, a series of severe storms hit the middle of Tennessee, shattering local rainfall records. In the town of Waverly, flash floods tore homes off their foundations and killed 20 people, including 7-month-old twins swept out of their father's arms.

"It's just devastating, to watch your lives go away in dumpsters," Waverly resident Christy Brewer told a reporter from local NBC affiliate WSMV.

Weeks later, the remnants of Hurricane Ida swept over the same area, completing a one-two punch of wind and rainfall that helped turn Tennessee into one of 2021's costliest US states for weather disasters.

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