



# WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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**LOWER TRENT**  
CONSERVATION

Flood Outlook Statement

## Flood Outlook Statement

A ***Flood Outlook Statement*** is issued to **raise awareness**. Based on weather forecasts for heavy rain, snowmelt or high wind, **a change in conditions on local waterways is possible**.

**DATE:** April 5, 2017

**TIME:** 2:00 PM

**ISSUED TO:** Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Quinte West, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources, Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario Power Generation, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

**MESSAGE #:** LTC – 17 – 02

**Valid until Friday, April 7, 2017**

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**Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a Flood Outlook Statement has been issued for the *Lower Trent watershed region* (area stretching from Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake).**

Local rainfall recorded at nine gauge stations over the past 24 hours ranged from 15 to 25 mm. Combined with a forecast of 30 to 40 mm of rain for Thursday, this precipitation will impact the smaller creeks and streams across the watershed region. Water levels could exceed top of bank conditions for watercourses including Mayhew, Cold, Rawdon, Mill, Trout, Butler, Salt, Colborne, and Shelter Valley Creeks.

Flows and water levels on the Trent River are increasing as a result of runoff from recent rainfall over the past week combined with continued snowmelt in the upstream areas of the Trent River drainage basin (Haliburton region). Current snow survey data indicates the equivalent of 40 to 60 mm of water in the remaining snow pack in these upper reaches of the watershed.

Residents living along Rice Lake and the Trent River should expect increasing water levels and flows for at least the next few weeks as the spring runoff moves downstream through the river system. Residents should ensure their sump pumps are working and secure personal property (boats, docks, etc.) along the river banks.

The Trent River typically peaks in mid to late April. Temperature and precipitation conditions over the next several weeks will affect the timing of the peak this spring. The Trent Severn Waterway is monitoring water conditions closely and making changes to water control structures as required to allow the runoff to pass downstream through the river system. Lower Trent Conservation is maintaining daily contact with the Trent Severn Waterway, provincial Surface Water Monitoring Centre and neighbouring Conservation Authorities to ensure we are aware of all dam operations and conditions that may affect the downstream sections of the river.

Everyone is advised to exercise extreme caution around all waterways. Strong currents pose a safety hazard to anyone. Areas around water control structures should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Daily water level updates are available at [www.ltc.on.ca](http://www.ltc.on.ca). If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

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