



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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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 9, 2015

TIME: 6:30 PM

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

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

Environment Canada has extended a rainfall warning for the Quinte region. A forecast of 20 to 30 millimetres of rain is expected overnight. The potential for thunderstorms may add an additional 20 millimetres of rain.

Water levels on local waterways are currently below normal for this time of year. With the ground surface throughout the watershed being either saturated or partly frozen, its ability to absorb additional runoff is limited. As a result, the forecasted rainfall, in combination with melting of remnants of snow, will result in increases in water levels on all small creeks and streams across the watershed region. These watercourses include Mayhew, Cold, Rawdon, Mill, Trout, Butler, Salt, Colborne, and Shelter Valley Creeks. There is also a potential for localized flooding of low lying areas during thunderstorms with heavy downpours.

Water levels on the Trent River are currently low. Springtime water conditions on the Trent River from Rice Lake to the Bay of Quinte are not anticipated for several weeks.

The public is urged to use extreme caution around all watercourses due to strong currents, very cold water temperatures, and slippery stream banks. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times.

This Flood Outlook Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Lower Trent Conservation staff monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Updates will be provided as conditions warrant. Anyone having concerns about water levels can call Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

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