



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: October 27, 2015

TIME: 1:00 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, Public Health Agencies, 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).

A low pressure system associated with the remnants of Hurricane Patricia will move into the region this evening. The system is expected to intensify into a fairly strong fall storm as it reaches the Great Lakes, bringing significant rainfall along with strong, gusty winds over the next couple of days. Rain will be heavy at times especially near Lake Ontario. Rainfall amounts of between 30 to 50 mm are expected with an additional 10 to 20 mm in isolated areas.

The forecasted rainfall will result in higher than normal water levels and flows along the smaller creeks and streams in the region. Watercourses including Shelter Valley, Colborne, Butler, Smithfield, Mayhew, Mill and Trout Creeks will respond quickly to intense periods of rainfall and may rise quickly.

Municipalities and the public should be aware that localized flooding is possible in urban areas where storm drains may not be able to handle runoff during heavy downpours or become clogged with leaves.

The public is urged to exercise caution around all watercourses due to strong currents. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children away from all waterways.

This Flood Outlook Statement will be in effect until Friday, October 30, 2015.

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

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