



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Flood Watch

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A **Flood Watch** is issued when there is a **potential for flooding** to occur in low-lying areas. **Nuisance or minor flooding** of access roads, backyards, basements, etc. is anticipated. **Buildings/people are not at risk.**

DATE: May 2, 2017

TIME: 1:45 PM

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

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Valid until Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Flood Watch** has been re-issued for the **Trent River** from **Hastings to Trenton**. There is the potential for flooding to occur in low lying areas with minor flooding of access roads, backyards and basements possible.

Yesterday's widespread intense rainfall ranging from 45 to 90 mm across the Trent River watershed will reverse the downward trend in water flows and levels of the past 2 weeks along the Trent River from Hastings to Trenton. As the reservoir lakes in the Haliburton region and Kawartha Lakes were reaching pre-navigation water levels in preparation for summer operations, there is limited additional storage capacity in these areas. An additional 30 to 40 mm of rain is also forecast for Friday and Saturday of this week which will contribute further water volumes to the river system.

Residents living along the Trent River within the municipalities of Trent Hills and Quinte West should anticipate water levels and flows to increase this week and through the weekend. Residents should ensure their sump pumps are working and secure personal property (boats, docks, etc.) along the river bank.

Everyone is advised to exercise extreme caution around all waterways. Boaters and anglers heading out on the water this weekend should be aware that water flows at the mouth of the Trent River will be high. Strong currents pose a safety hazard to anyone. Areas around water control structures should be avoided at all times.

The Flood Watch for the Trent River will be updated on Tuesday, May 9, or earlier if conditions warrant.

Residents living along the Lake Ontario and Bay of Quinte shoreline from Grafton to Quinte West are reminded that a Flood Watch is also in effect for shoreline areas. High Lake Ontario water levels combined with wave action can lead to increased risk of shoreline flooding and erosion. A close watch on weather forecasts is recommended as strong onshore winds (south east, south or southwest winds) could result in waves in excess of 1.5 metres on Lake Ontario.

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

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