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## Low Water Conditions Update

While near average rainfall across the Trent River valley in October is helping ease low water conditions across the region, additional precipitation is needed to recharge stream flows and groundwater levels to normal ranges. As a result, a Level 2 Low Water Condition remains in effect for most of the watershed region, an area stretching from Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake. In the northeastern section of the watershed, a Level 3 Low Water Condition continues for the Township of Stirling-Rawdon and the Municipality of Centre Hastings (see map).

“Stream flows and groundwater levels have definitely improved in response to a couple of days of continuous rain at the end of October,” says Janet Noyes, Water Resources Manager. “However, total rainfall for the past 7 months is only 68% of normal so we still need considerable rain before winter to recharge water levels.”

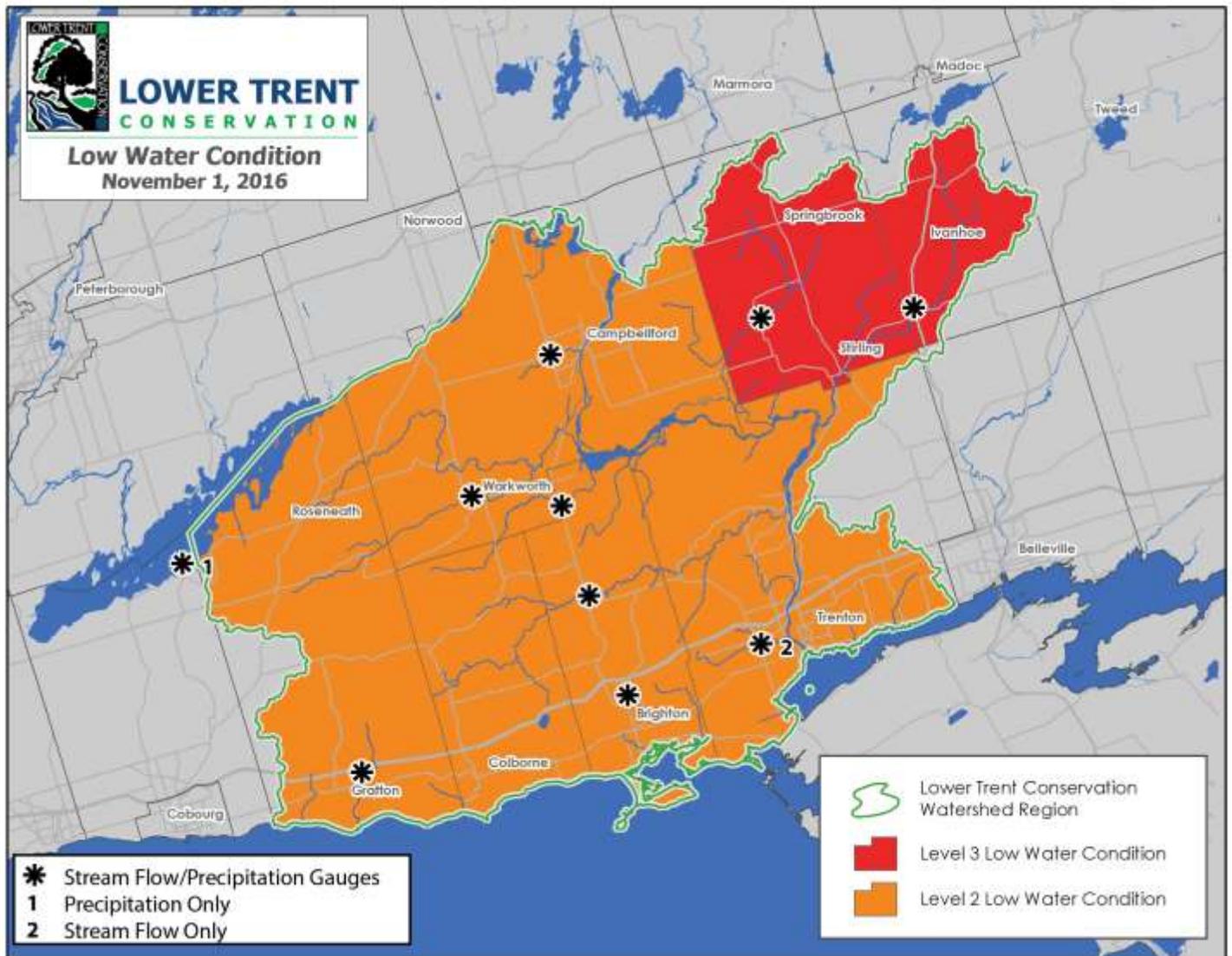
Anyone experiencing problems or hardships as a result of the dry conditions is encouraged to contact Lower Trent Conservation at 613-394-4829 or [information@ltc.on.ca](mailto:information@ltc.on.ca) to help with tracking the impacts of the low water conditions.

Lower Trent Conservation encourages everyone to continue to reduce water use where possible. As early fall is typically the time for lowest groundwater levels, residents living in rural areas with wells should be particularly cautious of their water use.

A Level 1 Low Water Condition was declared on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, upgraded to Level 2 on July 4<sup>th</sup> and upgraded to Level 3 for the northeastern portion of the watershed region on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Ontario Low Water Response Program was developed by the Province to help coordinate and support local response in the event of a prolonged period of low stream flows or precipitation. There are three levels of Low Water Conditions with Level 1 being the least severe and Level 3 being the most severe.

Lower Trent Conservation will continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates as conditions change. To learn more about Ontario’s Low Water Response program visit our website at [www.ltc.on.ca](http://www.ltc.on.ca).



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