



# WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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**LOWER TRENT**  
CONSERVATION

Flood Outlook Statement



## Flood Outlook Statement - Trent River

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:** March 27, 2020

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**ISSUED TO:** Municipalities (Brighton, Quinte West, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways, Ontario Power Generation, Innergex, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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***Valid until Wednesday, April 1, 2020***

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Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Flood Outlook Statement** has been issued for the Trent River (area stretching from Hastings to Trenton). It is important to note that during this time high flows, unsafe banks or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. **Nuisance flooding for some may occur.**

**The Flood Outlook Statement that was issued for Lake Ontario and Bay of Quinte shoreline from Grafton to Quinte West is still in effect.**

Stream flows and levels across the Lower Trent watershed region are currently average for this time of year. A weather system is forecast to move into the region over the weekend with the potential to bring upwards of 25 to 35 mm of precipitation. The current forecast is showing that the bulk of the precipitation will occur within a 36-hour period from Saturday night into Monday. It is expected that local streams will respond to this rainfall event, flooding is not expected in local streams.

Although the local snowpack has melted, there is still a substantial snowpack in the northern reaches of tributaries to the Trent River. Warmer temperatures along with this weather system are expected to accelerate the snowmelt in these northern areas and contribute to flows within the Trent River System.

While the potential dangers presented by rivers, small streams and open ditches never cease to exist, they are of particular concern at this time of the year. Water currents are strong and temperatures dangerously cold. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children and pets away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges 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.

This Flood Outlook Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) **Wednesday, April 1, 2020.**

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