



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

Flood Outlook Statement

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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 17th, 2019

TIME: 11:00 AM

ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Brighton, Centre Hastings, Cramahe, Quinte West, Stirling-Rawdon, 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 Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019

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

This Flood Outlook statement applies to the Trent River as well as local creeks and streams.

Stream flows and levels across the Lower Trent watershed region are generally in the normal range for this time of year. However, a weather system is forecast to move into the region over the weekend bringing upwards of 30-50mm of precipitation. Local waterways fed by rainfall on partially frozen ground conditions can become extremely unpredictable and hazardous.

Spring freshet conditions are continuing in the northern region of the Trent River watershed with increased flows and water levels expected locally over the next few weeks. Parks Canada - Ontario Waterways (Trent Severn Waterway) will be making adjustments at water control structures to accommodate the runoff from the rain and snowmelt occurring in the northern region of the Trent River watershed. Flows and water levels are expected to increase over the weekend with the local rain and snow melt inputs from the north Trent River watershed.

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 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. 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) **Tuesday April 23rd, 2019.**

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