



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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CONSERVATION

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: April 18th, 2019

TIME: 2:35 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

MESSAGE #: LTC – 19 – 09

Valid until Friday April 26th, 2019

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a Flood Watch has been issued for Rice Lake and the Trent River from Hastings to Trenton. The Flood Outlook Statement for local creeks and streams remains in effect.

The forecast of significant precipitation starting today through the weekend is anticipated to bring 30-50mm of rain to the Lower Trent watershed region. Significant snowmelt from the northern portion of the Trent River basin has already increased the water levels and flows on the Trent River.

Spring freshet conditions are continuing in the north portion of the Trent River watershed and increased flows and water levels are 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. Residents living along the Trent River from the Village of Hastings to Trenton should anticipate further increases in water levels and flows for at least the next week. Furthermore, residents should ensure their sump pumps are working and secure personal property (e.g., boats, docks, etc.) along the river banks.

Lower Trent Conservation will be maintaining daily contact through the weekend with Parks Canada, the Provincial Surface Water Monitoring Centre and neighbouring Conservation Authorities to ensure we are aware of all dam operations and conditions that may affect the water levels on local waterways.

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. If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

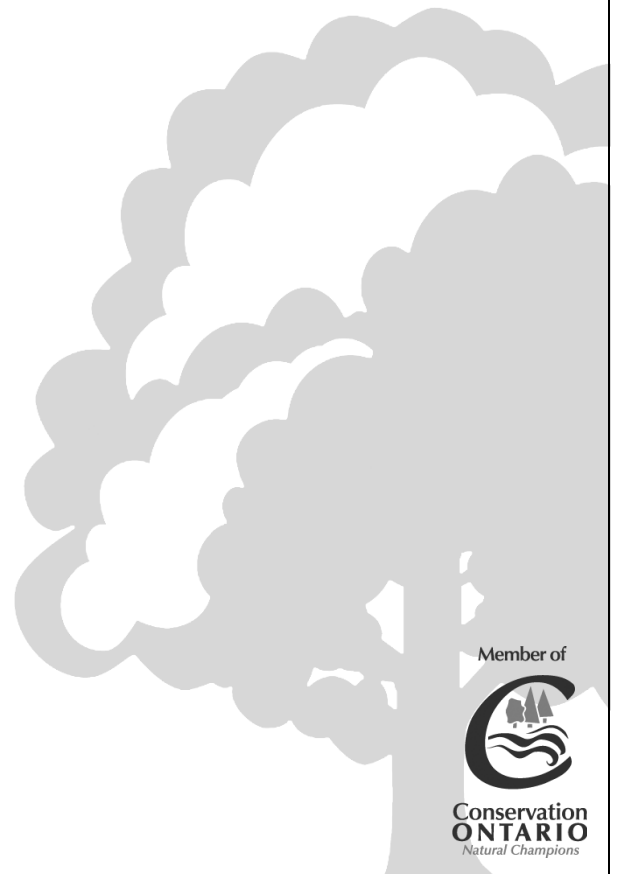
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