



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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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: December 27, 2022

TIME: 2:00 PM

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

MESSAGE #: LTC – 22-06

Valid until Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Flood Outlook Statement** has been issued for the Lower Trent Watershed region (area stretching from Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake and east to Centre Hastings). 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.

Stream flows and water levels across the Lower Trent watershed region are slightly above average for this time of year due to recent precipitation and snowmelt events. A dramatic pattern flip is being forecasted that will bring warmer temperatures than was experienced during the recent holiday blizzard. Temperatures over the next week and into early next week will be well above normal and there are several disturbances and systems that will be passing through our area bringing multiple opportunities for cloudy skies and occasional rain.

Along with up to 25 mm of rain forecasted over this period, the snowmelt from the warmer temperatures and frozen ground conditions will contribute to the runoff and streamflows in our local creeks and streams. These higher flows on local streams may result in nuisance flooding in low-lying areas but widespread flooding is not anticipated.

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.

This ***Flood Outlook Statement*** will be in effect until (or updated before) Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

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