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Conservation Authority**

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CRCA ISSUES A WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook today.

The forecast rain over the next two days (Oct 28th and 29th), has the potential to cause stream flows to rise rapidly, and the potential to cause flooding in low lying areas.

The forecast includes the possibility of upwards of 50 mm of rainfall over the next two days.

Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected as a result of the forecast precipitation. However, some low areas close to stream banks may become inundated as the stream levels rise, in particular in urban areas. In addition, given the time of year, and the possibility of leaves in the gutters of the streets, residents should ensure that catch basins are kept clear to allow proper flow of water from the streets.

Residents are asked to be wary of the cold, deep, fast flowing watercourses and flows near dams.

This statement is valid until: October 29, 2015.

Newsrooms please note:

A watershed conditions statement is **NOT** a flood warning. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about a change or potential change in watershed conditions. See below for watershed conditions terminology:

Watershed Conditions Statement: general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. There are two variations of these:

- Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.
- Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

Flood Watch: Flooding is possible in specific watercourse or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

Flood Warning: Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.

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