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**CRCA ISSUES A WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK
MILLHAVEN CREEK – HWY 401 TO LENNOX & ADDINGTON COUNTY ROAD 4**

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook today for Millhaven Creek.

Millhaven Creek, between Highway 401 and Lennox & Addington County Road 4, is a stretch of creek that is prone to ice jamming. The current conditions and weather forecast suggest an increased risk of ice jam formation and localized flooding. Currently, the primary location of concern is the low-lying areas in Odessa next to the creek along Gore Street that are already experiencing elevated water levels due to the build-up of ice in the creek and resulting in reduced flow capacity.

The combination of warmer temperatures forecast for next week and rainfall starting Sunday or Monday may increase flow in the creek, increasing the likelihood of further ice jamming and elevated water levels in the localized low-lying area.

Although the potential exists for localized flooding, widespread flooding is NOT expected at this time.

CRCA and Loyalist Township staff are monitoring the situation.

Sandbags and sand will be available at the Loyalist Township sand dome at 748 County Road 6, should residents require them.

CRCA staff is urging residents to stay away from fast-flowing watercourses, as well as any dams and outflow channels and to exercise caution around lakes, creeks and stay off the ice.

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts and will update statements as needed. This Watershed Conditions Statement will remain in effect until Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

For up to date flooding information, please visit the CRCA's flood forecasting and information page at www.crca.ca/flood.

See below for watershed conditions terminology:



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Normal: No flood conditions exist

Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that 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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