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

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has extended the current Flood Outlook Statement for Millhaven Creek.

The warmer temperatures and rainfall forecast for the end of this week are expected to increase water levels in the creek. Existing ice jams are restricting flow in some areas and may contribute to localized flooding of low-lying areas. Specific areas of concern include a stretch of the creek in Odessa that parallels Gore Street between County Road 2 and the Babcock Mill, and the Lucas Road bridge area further downstream. New ice jams may form at restrictions along the creek during ice break-up.

Widespread flooding is NOT expected at this time. However, if you witness flooding and/or require assistance your first point of contact is the local municipality (i.e. Loyalist Township).

Loyalist Township and CRCA 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, March 27, 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:

Normal: No flood conditions exist



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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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