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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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CRCA ISSUES FLOOD WATCH FOR SPECIFIC INLAND LAKES

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Flood Watch Statement today for specific inland lakes.

Water levels are high following recent rainfall, and the ground has limited ability to absorb additional rainfall. Another 15 – 25 mm forecasted for May 13 into May 14 is expected to increase levels further.

If the higher forecasted rainfall amounts are received, flooding may occur in low-lying areas around the following lakes:

Cataraqui River Watershed

Colonel By Lake
Cranberry Lake
Sand Lake

Gananoque River Watershed

Lower Beverley Lake
Singleton Lake
Upper Beverley Lake

Water Managers continue to operate area dams to pass flows down through the system and prevent flooding impacts as much as possible.

Residents in flood prone or low-lying areas, historically susceptible to flooding, are advised to remove items stored in the floodplains of area watercourses and lakes.

Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected. If you witness flooding and/or require assistance your first point of contact is the local municipality. Depending on the municipality, they may have sandbags on hand for residents, should they require them.

CRCA is urging residents to use caution, to stay away from dams (inflow and outflow channels) and fast flowing watercourses.

Staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts and will update statements as needed. This Flood Watch Statement will remain in effect until (or updated before) May 22, 2019.

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



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See below for watershed conditions terminology:

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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