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**Cataraqui Region  
Conservation Authority**

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**WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT UPGRADED TO A FLOOD OUTLOOK**

**KINGSTON ON** – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has updated its Watershed Conditions Statement to a Flood Outlook today.

The 30 – 35 mm of rain received yesterday has increased water levels and flow rates in creeks and inland lakes, many of which continue to rise. Urban ponding and localized flooding of low-lying areas has been reported.

With creek and lake levels moderately high and rising, and the expectation of runoff from the melting snow/ice pack that built-up during this past weekend's ice storm, further localized flooding of low-lying areas is a possibility. Widespread flooding is NOT expected at this time.

Water Managers continue to manage flows to the extent possible to pass water down through the system with the fewest possible impacts. Be advised that operations may increase flows downstream.

CRCA is urging residents to exercise caution around lakes and streams, stay off any remaining ice, and to stay away from unstable or slippery creek banks and shorelines, as well as any dams and outflow channels.

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts, and will update statements as needed. This Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook will remain in effect until Thursday, April 26, 2018.

**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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