

NEWS RELEASE

A News Release from the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

July 24, 2017

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued the following flood statements due to the heavy rains moving through the region today.

Flood Watch issued for Buells/Butlers Creek

Brockville received 90 mm of rain in the past 24 hours and with rainfall expected today and into the overnight residents should be aware that flooding may occur in low-lying areas along Buells/Butlers Creek and associated with the Detention Basin between Laurier Blvd. and the Memorial Centre. The CRCA is urging residents to exercise caution in these areas, especially downstream of the Detention Basin, and to stay away from the deep, fast flowing water.

Watershed Conditions Statement, Flood Outlook – Inland Lakes and Streams

Heavy rainfall in the Cataraqui Region over the past 24 hours has caused inland lakes and streams to rise and localized urban flooding has been reported. Flooding may be experienced in low-lying or flood prone areas, however widespread flooding is NOT expected. The removal of items stored in the floodplains of area watercourses and lakes is recommended.

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts, and will update statements as needed. The statements above will remain in effect until Thursday July 27, 2017.

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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