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Conservation Authority**

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**CRCA ISSUES A WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK FOR
BUELLS/BUTLERS CREEK AND DETENTION BASIN IN BROCKVILLE**

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook today for Buells/Butlers Creek and the detention basin in Brockville.

Operations continue to be performed to minimize the effects of recent and expected rainfall and to move water through the system.

Residents should be aware that flooding of low-lying areas associated with Buells/Butlers Creek is possible with the expected rain overnight and tomorrow, and are urged to stay away from the detention basin and the Buells/Butlers Creek due to high water levels and flows.

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions, forecasts, and update statements as needed.

Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected as a result of current conditions.

This Watershed Conditions Statement will remain in effect until Monday, May 8, 2017.

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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