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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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CRCA ISSUES A WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY

KINGSTON ON – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Watershed Conditions Statement today.

The CRCA watershed received between 20 and 50 mm of rain over the last 3 days, much of it falling over the last 24 hours. This has resulted in increased creek flows and levels. Urban creeks are already peaking and larger rural creeks are expected to peak on the weekend resulting in typical spring time inundation.

Although rainfall has tapered off area lakes will continue to rise over the next few days. Area water managers are trying to pass the water through the watersheds as quickly as possible to minimize the flooding potential but caution that higher than average water levels are expected. As a result the public should expect increased flows through water control structures.

Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected at this time.

The public is reminded that expected flow increases, along with cold, fast moving water, and poor ice conditions are hazards that should be avoided. In addition, removal of items stored in the floodplains of area watercourses and lakes is recommended.

CRCA staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts, and update our messaging to suit.

This statement is valid until: April 8, 2016

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.

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