



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

Flood Outlook Statement

Flood Outlook Statement—Local Creeks

Flood Outlook Statement is issued to raise awareness and is considered early notice for potential flooding based on weather forecasts for extreme cold, **heavy rain, snowmelt** or high wind, **a change in conditions on local waterways is possible.**

DATE: March 31, 2026

TIME: 2:00 PM

ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Brighton, Centre Hastings, Cramahe, Quinte West, Stirling-Rawdon, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways, Ontario Power Generation, Innergex, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

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Valid until Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 4:00pm

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Flood Outlook Statement** has been issued for the **local creeks within the Lower Trent Watershed region** (area stretching from Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake and east to Centre Hastings). It is important to note that during this time high water levels, unsafe banks or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users and waterfront landowners. **Nuisance flooding for some may occur within low lying and poorly drained areas.**

Weather forecasts for the Lower Trent Watershed predict 30-50 mm of rainfall over the course of this week. Additionally, there is also the potential of isolated thunderstorms; in these areas there may be more rain expected. As we head into April the forecast is showing most days to be above freezing temperatures. The above average temperatures forecast, rainfall and snowmelt may lead to increased runoff into local streams.

Water levels along our local creeks and streams are around the average for this time of year; however, increased water levels and stream flow is expected with the forecasted rainfall and increased runoff from snowmelt.

Municipalities and the public should be aware that localized inundation is possible in urban areas where storm drains may not be able to handle the snowmelt and rainfall.

While the potential dangers presented by rivers, small streams and open ditches never cease to exist, they are of particular concern at this time of the year. Water currents are strong and temperatures dangerously cold. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children and pets away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Daily water level updates are available at www.LTC.on.ca. If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

This Flood Outlook Statement for local creeks and streams will be in effect until **Tuesday April 7, 2026 at 4:00pm.**

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