



WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT:
WATER SAFETY
Flood Potential: Low

TO: LOCAL MEDIA, SCHOOL BOARDS,
MUNICIPALITIES, & LOCAL CA's.

ISSUED: April 3rd, 2018 2:00PM

SUBJECT: WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT (WCS_03_18)

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority advises that rainfall in the amount of 20 to 30mm is forecast to begin in the region this evening and continue overnight. There is also a slight risk of thunderstorms to occur overnight which could result in higher rainfall totals. In addition, high winds of 60 to 80km/h are forecast for Wednesday.

Local rivers and creeks are currently flowing at normal levels. Ground conditions are generally thawed but are already wet from previous rain storms. There is still some snow in the northern part of the watersheds that will be melting and contributing additional runoff during the event.

While no flooding is anticipated, the forecasted rainfall and melting snow will contribute runoff causing water levels and flows in local streams to rise. All water bodies, including ponds, streams and many ditches will be flowing higher than normal.

Additionally, slippery stream banks, unstable ice cover, and fast flowing, cold water will create hazardous conditions around all bodies of water. As a result, local streams and rivers will become dangerous, especially in the vicinity of culverts and bridges. Children should be warned to stay away from all watercourses.

This Watershed Conditions Statement will be in effect through Thursday April 5th, 2018. Conservation Authority staff will continue to monitor watershed conditions and provide updates as necessary. Should you have any questions or wish to report flooding, please contact the following GRCA staff at 905-885-8173.

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Note: A Watershed Condition Statement for Water Safety is issued as notice of the potential for high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

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