

Message: 4.3.3
Issued at: 10:00 a.m. Saturday June 24, 2017
Issued by: Maitland Valley Conservation Authority - Flood Forecast Centre
To: Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh
Municipality of Central Huron
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Municipality of Huron East
Township of North Huron
Township of Howick
Township of Huron-Kinloss
Town of Minto
Town of Goderich
Municipality of South Bruce
Municipality of North Perth

Maitland Conservation is issuing the following flood message updates.

Flood Warning - North Maitland, Little Maitland and Lower Maitland River Watersheds

The Flood Warning for the North Maitland, Little Maitland and Lower Maitland River watersheds issued on June 23rd remains in place.

Water levels in Harriston have peaked and are now steadily dropping. It is expected that in Harriston the river will drop to near bankfull levels by approximately 2:00 p.m. today. Downstream in Wingham, water levels continue to slowly rise but are expected to peak by this afternoon.

In Bluevale the water level peaked overnight and is now dropping. There is a significant amount of debris caught up against the dam in Bluevale. Once water levels have dropped, and it is safe to do so, Maitland Conservation staff will assess the condition of the structure.

Unless conditions change significantly, the Flood Warning for the North Maitland and Little Maitland River watersheds will be terminated at 9:00 pm this evening.

Along the Lower Maitland River water levels are rising as the flood water makes its way through the river system. Shelter Valley Campground in the Municipality of Central Huron and Auburn Riverside Retreat in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, will experience flooding in the floodplain areas of the parks. The Flood Warning for the Lower Maitland River is expected to be in place until noon on Monday June 26th.

Municipal officials are requested to continue monitoring low lying roads and structures. The public is reminded to stay away from all watercourses and never attempt to drive through flooded areas.

Flood Watch – Nine Mile River Watershed

The Flood Watch issued on June 23, 2017 for the Nine Mile River watershed has been terminated.

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

The Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety issued on June 23rd remains in place for all other areas of the Maitland watershed.

Maitland Conservation will continue to monitor conditions and update this message if required.

This message is in effect until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday June 24, 2017.

- End of Message -

Confirmation of receipt of this message is required by:

Township of Howick
Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh
Municipality of Central Huron
Municipality of Huron East
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
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Types of Flood Messages:

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety - General watershed conditions are being assessed for high runoff potential that could lead to flooding, and to remind the public of general river safety issues.

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 watercourses 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.