



WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT: WATER SAFETY

Flood Potential: Low

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

ISSUED: September 21st, 2021 1:00 PM

SUBJECT: WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT (WCS_02_21)

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority advises that an incoming weather system will bring a long duration, soaking rainfall that will last from Wednesday through to Thursday morning before the storm moves out, and is replaced by cooler, fall temperatures.

Water levels and flows in local water bodies are slightly below normal for this time of year due to the warm and dry weather over the past week. The local watersheds therefore have some capacity to absorb the forecasted rainfall of 30 to 50mm and no flooding is anticipated from this storm. Some runoff is expected however and flows will be rising over the next couple of days. Slippery stream banks, strong currents and high water levels may cause hazardous conditions around streams and ditches.

During this early fall storm, water levels in streams, ponds and ditches will be on the rise. As a result, local watercourses may become dangerous, especially in the vicinity of culverts and bridges. Children should be warned to stay away from all watercourses and shorelines.

This Watershed Conditions Statement will be in effect through Friday, September 24th, 2021. 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.