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Watershed Condition Statement: Flood Outlook



Flood Potential: Moderate
Ice Jam Potential: High

Issued to: local municipalities and school boards, local conservation authorities, emergency response agencies, health unit, media

Date: March 13, 2019 (3:30 PM)

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority advises that warm temperatures and rain over the next two days will cause our snowpack to melt and increase flows in area watercourses and may cause local ice jams. The public and especially children are advised to stay away from all area water bodies as unstable ice cover, slippery banks and fast flowing watercourses will result in dangerous conditions.

Current weather forecasts are calling for rain accumulation of 10-15 mm and temperatures well above freezing for the next two days. Melting snow and runoff will result in increases in stream flows and ice breakup. Flooding and ice jams may occur in low-lying and flood vulnerable areas. Although no major flooding is anticipated local conditions will vary. At this time of year there is always the potential for localized flooding and ice jams.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority continues to monitor river and stream conditions and will issue additional messages as conditions warrant. This statement will be in effect until 4PM Monday March 18, 2019.

For additional information, please call 705-424-1479 and select option "1" for the flood information line or check our website at: www.nvca.on.ca

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A **Watershed Condition Statement** is a general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. A **Flood Outlook** message is an early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.