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Issued by: Maitland Conservation Flood Forecast Centre
To: All Municipalities in Maitland Conservation's area of jurisdiction, including the Nine Mile River watershed, and watershed media

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is issuing a Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook for all municipalities in the Maitland and Nine Mile River watersheds.

A Colorado Low is forecast to move through the Great Lakes region bringing heavy rainfall to southwestern Ontario. At this time precipitation forecasts are variable but 50-70mm of rain is expected beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing through Thursday morning.

Water levels in streams and rivers throughout the watersheds remain slightly elevated due to recent rainfall. With near-saturated ground conditions, the anticipated heavy rain will generate strong runoff and a rapid rise in river levels. If forecasted rain amounts materialize, water levels are expected to reach heights similar to those seen during the March 16-17th high flow event, where water levels exceeded bankfull and caused minor flooding. Only a marginal increase in rainfall beyond what is forecasted could push river levels to a more significant flood stage.

Municipal officials are encouraged to prepare, check drainage systems and monitor low-lying and flood-prone roads. Residents are reminded to stay clear of fast-moving, cold water and unstable streambanks, as conditions will be hazardous.

Maitland Conservation is closely monitoring watershed conditions and will update with flood statements as needed.

This message is in effect until the afternoon of Thursday April 3rd, 2025.

- End of Message -

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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.