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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

Flood Watch - extended

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is extending the Flood Watch for all municipalities in the Maitland and Nine Mile River watersheds. A Flood Watch means that flooding is possible but not imminent or certain.

A Flood Warning also remains in effect for the Boyle Drain area, affecting the Municipalities of North Perth and Huron East, and has also been extended to the Middle Maitland River between Brussels and Wingham in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

For much of the watershed, water levels have peaked or are nearing peak levels from this past weekend's event. Weather forecasts indicate widespread rainfall of 20-40mm across the region beginning tonight and continuing through Wednesday night. There is also the potential for embedded thunderstorms tonight, which could produce locally higher rainfall totals.

Most of the snowpack has melted; however, influential amounts of snow water equivalent still remains in sheltered and woodlot areas, where MVCA staff measured 20-50mm earlier today.

Saturated soils will result in rapid runoff and a quick river response. If higher rainfall totals materialize, water levels may reach or slightly exceed those experienced during the past few days. While a sharp drop in temperature Wednesday night will significantly reduce runoff, elevated flows are expected to persist through the end of the week.

Municipal officials are encouraged to continue to monitor low-lying and flood prone roads and prepare for extended or additional road closures. The public is reminded that conditions around all watercourses will remain hazardous over the next several days.

Maitland Conservation is monitoring watershed conditions and will update if conditions warrant.

This message is in place until 1:00 p.m. on Friday March 13, 2026.

Confirmation of receipt of this message is required by all municipalities in Maitland Conservation's area of jurisdiction including the Nine Mile River watershed.

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Types of Flood Messages:

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.

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.

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.