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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
- Watershed media

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Maitland Conservation is issuing a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety for all municipalities in the Maitland and Nine Mile River watersheds.

An incoming low-pressure system will accompany the already present mild temperatures in southern Ontario and is forecast to bring widespread rainfall of 15-25 mm to the Maitland watershed. Steady, light rain is expected to begin late this morning (Friday, December 30 2022) and persist until Saturday night. The combination of above-seasonal temperatures and light rain will result in a steady melt of the snowpack left from last week's blizzard. Runoff generated from the snowmelt and rain will lead to saturated ground conditions and elevate water levels in rivers and streams throughout the watershed.

While significant flooding is not expected at this time, levels in streams and rivers may reach or exceed bankfull conditions resulting in some minor flooding in low-lying areas. These conditions will likely continue over the next several days as above-freezing temperatures and the chance of rain are forecasted through the middle of next week.

Municipal officials are encouraged to check drainage systems and monitor low-lying and flood prone roads. We remind people that slippery and unstable streambanks and cold water temperatures will create hazardous conditions around all watercourses.

Maitland Conservation is monitoring watershed conditions and will provide an update if warranted.

This message is in effect until the afternoon of Wednesday January 4, 2022.

Confirmation of receipt of this message: not required

- 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.