

NEWS RELEASE

WATERSHED CONDITIONS BULLETIN

WATER LEVELS DROPPING

RIDEAU VALLEY, March 21, 2011 —Water levels throughout the Rideau River watershed rose last week finally reaching peaks overnight on Saturday. Levels at many locations have receded noticeably since then. For locations in the Long Reach between Kars and Kemptville, the decline will be slower as flow from upstream continues to pass through.

Based on the present weather forecasts, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) expects that flows in rivers and streams throughout the watershed will continue to decrease. Five-day forecasts are calling for four days of sunshine with cool temperatures to follow the snow today. That snow is not expected to have an impact on flows as it melts gradually over the next few days.

The increased flows make it hazardous to be around watercourses. In particular, dams and other structures are to be avoided. The RVCA advises everyone to be cautious around water and parents need to supervise their children and make them aware of the danger of cold fast flowing water.

The RVCA will continue to monitor weather forecasts and river conditions in the daily planning cycle of its flood forecasting and warning program. Based on those observations, either Watershed Conditions, Flood Advisory or Flood Warning messages will be issued as warranted.

If watershed residents would like to receive RVCA flood messages directly through e-mail, contact Andrea Larsen at andrea.larsen@rvca.ca or check our messages on Twitter or our webpage at www.rvca.ca.

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The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is a partnership of municipalities within the Rideau Valley watershed created under the Conservation Authorities Act to deliver a range of programs in watershed management and natural resource conservation.