

NEWS RELEASE

WATERSHED CONDITIONS BULLETIN

NO FLOODING FROM FORECAST RAIN

RIDEAU VALLEY, April 4, 2011 — Water levels in the Rideau River watershed are expected to increase once again as a result of forecast rain but **no flooding** is expected to occur.

Up to 30 millimetres of rain is forecast for the Ottawa area through today and into tonight along with warmer temperatures. The remaining snow and ice will be melted and that, combined with the rain, will cause flows to increase throughout the watershed. Flood levels reached two weeks ago in the Long Reach of the Rideau River between Kars and Kemptville are not expected to occur from this rain event. However, residents in low-lying areas are advised to watch levels in their area and take action as conditions dictate.

Water safety is important at all times. With the higher spring flows and cold water, even greater caution is needed. Everybody needs to be aware.

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.