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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – Flood Outlook

Date: April 16th, 2018

To: All School Boards
All Municipalities
Police and Emergency Services
MNR, Area, District and Provincial Response Centre
News media
Hamilton Region, Grand River, & Long Point Conservation Authorities

This notice is intended to advise the public and local municipalities of the status of the watercourse conditions within the Niagara Peninsula and the eastern portions of the City of Hamilton and Haldimand County.

Over the last 48 hours an average of 50mm of mixed snow and rain has fallen throughout this region. Up to an additional 5-10mm of rain is forecast to fall by the end of today.

At the present time, the water levels in the major systems like the Welland River and 20 Mile Creek are currently rising but remain below critical thresholds. Currently, the NPCA does not predict major flooding to be experienced in the communities of Smithville, Wellandport, and Welland. The NPCA does however, caution residents living along these rivers (and their tributaries) to closely monitor the situation as localized flooding in low-lying areas is expected.

The NPCA further notes that the water levels in our small and mid-size creeks, such as Black Creek in Fort Erie, Four Mile Creek in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Oswego Creek in Haldimand are on the rise but currently remain below critical levels. Again, the NPCA cautions residents living along all watercourses to closely monitor the situation as localized flooding in low-lying areas is expected.

Residents are urged to keep themselves, children, and pets well away from streams and creeks as these watercourses will be hazardous. Drivers are reminded there is an increased risk of water over roads and should not drive through any flooded roadway. Local municipalities are advised to check for debris and ice clogging culverts, catch basins, and other storm infrastructure.

This notice is in effect until noon on Thursday, April 17, 2018 and will be updated as required.

The NPCA will continue to monitor stream and weather conditions closely and will issue further messages as required. Information on the Flood Status in the watershed and water levels within local watercourses can be found on the NPCA's website at:

<https://npca.ca/flood-status>
<https://npca.ca/stream-flow-monitoring>

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