



CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FLOOD WATCH

For Immediate Release
Flood Watch for Residents of Catfish Creek Watershed
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The Water Safety, Watershed Conditions Statement issued on February 1, 2019 at 11:45 a.m. has been upgraded to a **Flood Watch**.

This Flood Watch is to notify Catfish Creek Conservation Authority member Municipalities, Emergency Services staff and individual landowners that water level conditions have increased. This is an assessment that a high probability exists for flooding of low-lying flood prone areas within the watershed.



Effective immediately, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority is issuing a **Flood Watch** for low lying flood prone areas within the watershed. Due to unseasonal weather conditions rains, increased snow melt and a warming trend there is a potential for flooding to occur in flood prone areas of the watershed.

The adverse weather conditions coupled with the deteriorating ice situation on the Catfish Creek and its tributaries, indicate that potentially hazardous circumstances exist; primary concerns are increasing water levels, intensifying water flows and obstructions to riverine ice transport. **HIGH** water flows result in unsafe channel bank conditions and other unpredictable dangers around waterways, adjacent fields and parkland, urban storm drains, small streams, creeks, or other hazardous areas.

The public is encouraged to exercise caution near open bodies of water, and to keep children away from waterways during Flood Watches and other times of high water flow.

Residents are asked to watch local conditions closely and take appropriate responsible action. Updates will be made available if conditions warrant.

This Flood Watch Statement will remain in effect until Wednesday February 6th and will be adjusted accordingly if warranted or otherwise expire.