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## **Watershed Conditions Statement**

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is issuing a **Flood Outlook** for Junction Creek. For all other watercourses within the City of Greater Sudbury, a **Water Safety** message is maintained. Both statements are effective 12:00 PM today and remain in effect until 10:00 AM on May 5, 2020.

According to Environment Canada, a low pressure system is forecast to move in tonight bringing significant precipitation across the Province. This system is expected to bring 25 - 40 mm of rain in the next 48 hours followed by warmer temperatures through the weekend.

Current water levels and flows on all watercourses in our area are elevated but within the seasonal range. If the forecasted amount of rain is received, water levels will rise quickly and the runoff will result in faster-flowing waters. Smaller and urbanized watercourses like Junction Creek can react much more quickly to high intensity rainfall than larger rivers will. The inundation of low-lying areas, adjacent to watercourses with a history of flooding, is expected.

The developing conditions must be closely monitored by all residents especially those living in known low-lying, hazard areas where overland flooding or ponding could become an issue.

Public safety is absolutely the number one priority, especially for children who may be attracted to the edge of creeks or rivers. The cold, fast flowing water must be avoided. Stream banks will be very slippery and unsafe, and must be avoided.

Conservation Sudbury remains in direct contact with the City of Greater Sudbury and other partners as required; staff continues to monitor water levels and updates will be provided as required.

For more information please visit [ConservationSudbury.ca](http://ConservationSudbury.ca)

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**Conservation Sudbury issues five types of messages, depending on conditions:**



**Normal**

No flood conditions to report.



**Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety**

High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.



**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