



Flood Warning

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SUBJECT: **Flood Warning for Vienna; Lake Erie Flood Watch Termination (Event Message #3)**

Big Otter Creek

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority is upgrading to a **Flood Warning** for the Vienna area in the Big Otter Creek watershed.

Watercourse levels across LPRCA remain high and are running swiftly. In many cases watercourses are still exceeding their banks and flooding low-lying areas. Most watercourses appear to have peaked and are declining, however the lower parts of Big Otter Creek and Big Creek are still rising.

In Tillsonburg, water levels on Big Otter Creek have declined since peaking last evening. Further downstream, water levels continue to rise in the community of Vienna and are approaching Stage 1 flood levels. It is expected that water levels in Vienna will peak sometime between this afternoon and early morning tomorrow. Levels are expected to remain lower than the levels seen in February 2018. Bayham Flood Coordinators are requested to closely monitor conditions in Vienna and low-lying areas.

Lake Erie

The Flood Watch issued on Sunday, January 12, 2019 for the Lake Erie shoreline is being returned to the standing **Watershed Conditions Statement – Lake Erie Flood Outlook**.

Lake Erie water levels have receded since yesterday morning. Standing water, erosion, property damage and other impacts from yesterday continue to affect areas along the shoreline. Lake Erie static water levels are expected to remain very high over the coming months. High static water levels increase the risk of flooding when moderate to severe wind-driven surge events occur. Strong lakeshore surge events typically occur from fall through spring.

At this time, LPRCA reminds everyone to stay away from areas affected by recent shoreline flooding due to erosion, instability and other damage; and from all watercourses as the combination of slippery banks and cold, fast-flowing water is dangerous. Parents are especially reminded to keep children away from these areas.

LPRCA staff will continue to monitor forecasted conditions and will update this message as necessary.

This **Flood Warning** for Vienna and **Watershed Conditions Statement – Lake Erie Flood Outlook** remain in effect until **further notice**.

Contact Craig Jacques at 519-842-4242 ext. 265 or 519-429-2738 should further information be required.

Flood Warning – Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.



Water Safety 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, ice jams, a rise in Lake Erie, lakeshore flooding, or erosion.

