



Long Point Region
Conservation Authority

MEDIA RELEASE

Norfolk County and Long Point Region Conservation Authority respond to low water levels at Waterford Ponds

September 12, 2025 – Norfolk County and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) are actively working together to monitor and address lower-than-normal water levels in the Waterford Ponds.

Following an exceptionally hot and dry summer, Norfolk County is currently under a [Level 1 Low Water Advisory](#), as declared by LPRCA. This advisory is based on significantly reduced rainfall and stream flows across the watershed.

Other contributing factors may include natural obstructions such as beaver dams, which can reduce or slow water flow into the ponds. Norfolk County has completed a preliminary inspection of the Waterford Dam, limited to what is currently visible, and is in the process of arranging a more comprehensive inspection to ensure no operational issues are contributing to the situation.

While pond levels fluctuate annually depending on base flows, the current conditions are more pronounced due to the extended dry period. These low levels may place stress on aquatic life, but there is no concern for public health or safety at this time.

Any wildlife remediation efforts, such as addressing beaver activity, will be carried out in accordance with provincial and conservation standards.

LPRCA is monitoring streamflow and precipitation across the watershed as part of its Flood Forecasting & Warning and Low Water Response Program. Water users are encouraged to use water wisely to help conserve and protect aquatic ecosystems.

With the arrival of cooler fall temperatures and anticipated rainfall, conditions are expected to improve in the coming weeks.

Norfolk County and LPRCA will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as needed. For more information on the Low Water Advisory and conservation tips, visit [LPRCA's Low Water Response Program](#).

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