



LOWER TRENT
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Lower Trent Conservation Drought Advisory Ends

Lower Trent Conservation has lifted the 2-month Level 1 Drought Advisory which was triggered by extremely dry conditions throughout the late summer and early fall of 2019. The precipitation received in the Lower Trent Conservation watershed region was well below normal for the months of July, August and September and the first part of October.

The low rainfall in some months resulted in very low flows in some of our local streams, especially in the northern and eastern portions of the Lower Trent watershed region. Flows in Hoards/Squires Creek and Rawdon Creek were below 70% of the 'lowest average summer month flows' in September, which triggered a Level 1 Low Water Condition in September.

With the more recent rainfall in the last half of October, we have received above average precipitation (>150%) in October. This resulted in increased stream flows, which now no longer fall within the Ontario Low Water Response Program criteria.

However, Lower Trent Conservation officials still urge rural residents to be wary of their water use. Water is a precious resource – continued wise use of water is encouraged now and always.

The Ontario Low Water Response Program was developed by the Province to help coordinate and support local response in the event of a prolonged period of low stream flows or precipitation. There are three levels of Low Water Conditions with Level 1 being the least severe and Level 3 being the most severe.

To learn more about Ontario's Low Water Response program visit our website at www.LTC.on.ca.

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