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St. Clair County Coastal Community Flooding – Update

The United States Army Corp of Engineers advises water levels from Lake St. Clair to Fort Gratiot Lighthouse have increased overnight from two (2) inches to six (6) inches. This is a result of wind driven water out of the north at 20 knots. Algonac water levels are just below the minor flood stage. St. Clair water levels were just above the major flood stage for a brief period of time this morning. Winds are expected to shift late this afternoon and evening, therefore all gage stations are expected to begin trending downward.

United States Coast Guard operations today include the Hollyhock and the Katmia Bay working the lower St. Clair River along ice edges to keep water flowing, as it has been overnight. The Canadian Coast Guard Griffon is undergoing a change of personnel and replenishing supplies. The Samuel Risely is undergoing repairs and unable to operate today. While the Coast Guard vessels are operating, they may not be transmitting GPS locations on a regular basis.

St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management continues to monitor and assesses the situation while supporting local communities and coordinating with State, Federal and International partners. Scattered reports of water in homes, ranging from eight (8) to sixteen (16) inches in the lower elevations of the Pointe Drive/Orchard Lake area have been received due to wind driven water. Twenty-three (23) self-assessment damage reports have been received to date.

Citizens, who have not already done so, continue to be encouraged to utilize the online self-reporting survey to catalogue and report damage to their property. Photos may also be included. Links to the survey can be found on both Facebook and our webpage at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BeReadyStClairCounty> or  
<https://www.bereadystclaircounty.org>

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