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St. Clair County Coastal Community Flooding – Update

In a briefing held this morning, the United States Army Corp of Engineers indicated all gauge levels have remained static over the past 24 hours. This is cautiously optimistic and a sign the ice bridge in lower Lake Huron is holding at this time.

All local communities are reporting operations are currently status quo, with no major concerns or needs being requested.

Michigan State Police Aviation conducted a flyover of the area yesterday to support the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard and St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management planning. The information provided intelligence for current ice breaking operations and forecasting.

The Detroit Sector of the United States Coast Guard advised ice breaking operations continue to maintain the tracks previously opened for commercial shipping, however will not further tamper with the increase in water levels. Both the Detroit Sector and the Sarnia Vessel Traffic Center will broadcast notices to shipping to travel the ice bridge with extreme caution as to not disturb it.

St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management continues to monitor and assesses the situation and to support local communities and coordinate with State, Federal and International partners. Eighteen (18) self-assessment damage reports have been received to date. Emergency Management continues to provide updates to the media and manage residents' phone calls. A virtual Town Hall meeting will be held for East China Township residents on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting details will be provided prior to the Town Hall.

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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