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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 48 hours. This continues to be cautiously optimistic and a sign the ice bridge in lower Lake Huron is continuing to hold at this time.

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

The Detroit Sector of the United States Coast Guard advised ice breaking operations continue to maintain the tracks previously opened for commercial shipping. The Morrow Bay will continue track maintenance. The Samuel Risley is being evaluated for a mechanical issue. The Griffon also continues to support the operation. The Hollyhock, along with the Katmi Bay will join the operation on Sunday, February 14, 2021. Commercial traffic is planned for the river system both today and Saturday.

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. Twenty-two (22) self-assessment damage reports have been received to date. Emergency Management continues to provide updates to the media and manage residents' phone calls.

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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