

Isabel monitored by conservation authorities

Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation, the conservation authorities responsible for the watersheds in Halton Hills, have been monitoring Hurricane Isabel's progress and at press time it was anticipated it was still heading toward central Ontario and expected to arrive here this morning (Friday).

The bulk of the rain is expected late in the day and it's estimated the storm could deliver 50 mm or more of precipitation in 12 hours. However, as of Thursday, no major flooding was expected.

But the storm is anticipated to cause streams to reach bank-full levels and there could be flooding in some low-lying areas.

Since Hurricane Hazel hit in 1954 Conservation Halton has built four water con-

rol structures to provide flood protections and more than 22 km of channel improvements have been made.

As a precaution Conservation Halton recommends residents check their eaves troughs and downspouts to ensure they are clean and in good condition. Basement windows should be closed and sump pumps checked to make sure they're working properly. Credit Valley Conservation is warning parents to keep children and pets far away from all waterbodies, streams and creeks. The following should be watched for flood impacts: clogged catch basins, municipal culverts and areas under development or being prepared for development.

For more information about Hurricane Isabel visit www.conservationhalton.on.ca or www.creditvalleycons.com

Acton Fair this weekend

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