



## **Media Release – For Immediate Release Wednesday March 20, 2019**

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### **County crews dealing with pooling water due to spring melt**

The rapid onset of warmer temperatures has led to pooling water throughout the County.

Spring runoff water leading to localized flooding can be expected as temperatures increase each spring. County crews and equipment are working at full capacity steaming culverts and clearing storm drains to reduce water buildup as much as possible. It can take up to 24-hours for pooled water to drain after crews finish working in an area.

“Crews have been out for about a week actively reducing water buildup that’s taken place because of the warmer weather,” says County Public Works Director Dale Van Volkingburgh. “We encourage people to let us know of any areas of the County that need attention.”

He added that the spring runoff conditions are not at the level that they were last year, however the County is monitoring the situation.

Privately-owned roads and developments are private property and maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner.

The public is encouraged to report any area of the County that require immediate attention such as washed out or frozen culverts, flooding or significant road damage that impedes travel or has a significant risk to safety and property, please contact the Public Works 24-hour Emergency Line at 780-532-7393.

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