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## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT WARNS RESIDENTS TO AVOID WATERWAYS AFFECTED BY FLOODING AND SEWAGE OVERFLOWS**

FREDERICK, MD – Heavy rainfall has overwhelmed sewage collection systems in some areas of Frederick County. The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) advises the public to avoid the following waterways affected by contaminated water from sewage overflows:

- Little Tuscarora Creek and Tuscarora Creek in the following neighborhoods:
  - Clover Hill III, Cloverdale, Clover Ridge, Mill Island, Willow Brook, Tuscarora Knolls, Wormans Mill, and Waterside.
- Carroll Creek and Culler Lake in Frederick City downstream of the Rock Creek confluence
- Hunting Creek in Thurmont downstream of wastewater treatment plant on Moser Road
- Flat Run and Toms Creek in Emmitsburg
- Monocacy River throughout the county, and especially south of the Carroll Creek confluence

The Frederick County Health Department reminds residents to avoid all flood waters even as they recede when weather improves as all flood water may contain unknown contaminants. FCHD recommends that everyone avoids contact with these waterways and all flood waters for a week.

Swimming and full body immersion in these streams should be avoided. If a resident comes in contact with water from the affected streams, they should wash thoroughly with soap and warm water, especially before eating. Fish may still be safe to consume if cleaned, scaled and, cooked. Though boating provides less water contact risk than swimming and wading, boating is also not advised in flooded streams because the combination of high water levels, high velocity waters and downed trees and other debris can create drowning hazards.

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