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FOX RIVER: CONTINUED FLOODING EXPECTED - RESIDENTS ADVISED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION AND EVACUATE IF NECESSARY UNTIL THE RIVER SUBSIDES

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Sullivan WI has issued a "Flood Warning," for the Fox River in the Towns of Salem and Wheatland and the Village of Silver Lake. As of Monday morning August 20th, at 7 AM, the Fox River was at 12.96 feet or 2.96 feet above flood level. The NWS is predicting that the Fox River will crest at 14.3 feet Tuesday August 21st at 7 AM and is expected to subside below flood stage on Saturday August 25th. The Fox River Height/flow is measured at the New Munster River Gauge.

In the Oakwood Shores Subdivision in the Town of Wheatland, water is on some of the streets at 11.2 feet. "Residents are urged to use extreme caution and evacuate should the need arise so as not to put themselves and any First Responders in danger," stated Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management/Homeland Security.

Residents needing temporary lodging assistance may contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-236-8680. If you have well water and your well has been contaminated by flood water, please contact Kenosha County Division of Public Health at 262-605-6700.

"We constantly monitor the Fox River and other areas of the County where flooding has occurred or might occur," said Schliesman. "Swift currents can make water extremely dangerous; it takes only two feet of water covering a roadway to carry away most automobiles. It's critical that people be aware of their surroundings when water is present and that children don't play or adults don't drive through flooded areas or try and stay in an area and wait out the flood; they may be putting their lives and their loved ones' lives in serious peril."