



## **Flood Update**

### **Chippewa River Update**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 12:15 p.m.**

At 10:00 a.m. today, the Chippewa River gauge at Grand Avenue read 760.3, which is approximately thirteen (13) feet below the downtown flood stage of elevation 773. Lower sections of the Chippewa River Trail in the city of Eau Claire are currently open.

Recent rains in the upper Chippewa River watershed will result in runoff passing through the system and will likely result in rising river gauge readings on the Chippewa River in Eau Claire.

The current crest projection is 764.5 for Sunday morning. At this gauge reading lower areas of Owen Park will flood. No trail closures are anticipated based on this projection. Additional rainfall in the upper watershed or operational releases from upstream hydroelectric facilities could modify the crest projections.

Flood waters can generate stronger faster currents. Extreme caution should be exercised by persons using the rivers for boating, canoeing, kayaking, shore-side fishing, tubing, swimming, wading, or activities near the water. Hazards involving high water levels, strong currents, floating or submerged wood debris or trees, and obscured pilings are present on the Chippewa River.

The City will continue to monitor the river closely and report information as it is obtained. Residents along or near the river are also asked to monitor nearby river conditions in order to have as much advanced warning of those changes. Information is available on the City web site at [www.eauclairewi.gov](http://www.eauclairewi.gov) and on the Public Works Message Line at (715) 839-6002. For further information about this news release or river elevations, please contact the City of Eau Claire, Department of Public Works at (715) 839-4934.

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