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Shelby County Office of Preparedness Monitoring River Levels

Officials with the Shelby County Office of Preparedness are monitoring water levels of the Mississippi River and how they could affect local tributaries and creeks throughout Shelby County.

“Together, working with meteorologists with the National Weather Service, we are continuing to closely watch water levels along the Mississippi River and its tributaries,” said Bob Nations, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Since the flood of 2011, the Shelby County Office of Preparedness has installed equipment to monitor the water levels of area tributaries and creeks. The gages provide “real time” data about changing water conditions. The river watch network is partnership that includes the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, the National Weather Service and the University of Memphis.

The Mississippi River is expected to reach flood stage, 34 feet, by the middle of next week. That could lead to high water in areas near the Loosahatchie and Wolf Rivers and Nonconnah Creek. Those living and traveling near low-lying areas should stay aware of changes in water levels.

“Staff with the office of preparedness will be in daily contact with the National Weather Service for the next several days,” said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., who has been routinely updated about the water conditions in and near Shelby County.

For additional information about high water conditions, go to www.staysafeshelby.us or call the Shelby County Office of Preparedness at **(901) 515-2525**.

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