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PRESS RELEASE

Flash Flood Watch – Flood Prone Property Preparedness September 4, 2018

The National Weather Service (NWS) has placed the Rice County area in a Flash Flood Watch through tomorrow morning, Wednesday, September 5, 2018. The predicted storms will have potential rainfall rates of up to 2 inches per hour and the possibility of 3 inches of additional rain before Wednesday morning.

NWS professionals have created the attached graph depicting potential rainfall and resulting possible Cannon River levels in Northfield. Rainfall amounts and corresponding river levels are difficult to predict, but the NWS is using current rainfall predictions and historical river gage data to provide this predictive graph. If the Cannon River reaches the predicted level of 896.8 feet, some Northfield properties along the river would be directly affected.

Property owners in flood prone areas are urged to evaluate their flood preparedness and monitor weather information and river levels.

- Please check personal devices and subscriptions used to receive weather alerts to ensure you have the ability to monitor such alerts.
- If your home or business is in the river/flood zone, please make sure you have the materials, resources, and/or contacts necessary to enact protective measures if needed.
- We have posted numerous resources, guidelines, and contact information on the Northfield website home page, under "Emergency Preparedness Resources", at the following link <http://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=985>

City personnel will continue to monitor weather watches and warnings and will disseminate more information as it becomes necessary. Check the City of Northfield website for updates. Please contact Monte Nelson at 507-663-9301 with any questions.

*******Please see the graph below, on page 2*******



NRFMS(plotting HGIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: 0' Observations courtesy of USGS, City and County cooperators

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NOTE: River forecasts for this location take into account past precipitation and the precipitation amounts expected approximately 24 hours into the future from the forecast issuance time.

Reliability of the Forecast: Based on current and forecast river, weather and reservoir conditions

NOTE: Forecasts for the Cannon River at Northfield are issued as needed during times of high water, but are not routinely available.

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