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# News Release

## Stop-log deployment no longer anticipated on Arkansas River

*River now predicted to crest at 19.9 feet on Monday, but more rain possible*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (May 26, 2019) — Stop-log deployment on West Madison Avenue is no longer anticipated after new projections show the Arkansas River cresting lower than 20 feet at Arkansas City.

“We always prepare for the worst and hope for the best,” said City Manager Nick Hernandez, “and fortunately for us, last night’s weather system was not as strong as originally anticipated.”

A flood warning continues until further notice. Moderate flooding is occurring. The Arkansas River was at 19.2 feet and rising at 9 a.m. today. Flood stage is 11 feet. Anything above 21 feet is considered major flooding. The river is projected to crest at 19.9 feet by Monday morning and then begin falling.

However, City officials remain concerned about the possibility of flooding within the City limits due to ongoing saturation of soil, including the levee itself. While the levee is currently working properly, there is always the possibility of levee failure when the soil is as saturated as it is now.

Therefore, uniformed police officers and Cowley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers wearing official vests will be going door to door today to notify residents at risk in low-lying areas. They will focus mainly on neighborhoods located south of Madison Avenue and west of E Street.

The Arkansas River flooding is not expected to affect the South Summit Street bridge on U.S. 77. Preparations to close that bridge do not even begin until flooding reaches 27 feet, which is 7 feet higher than the river is currently predicted to crest.

More rainfall remains possible tonight, which could alter this forecast. For further updates, please monitor the City of Arkansas City Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/arkcity](https://www.facebook.com/arkcity) through the weekend.

### Walnut River flooding not as severe

A flood warning also continues for the Walnut River at Arkansas City until Thursday night.

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At 9:15 a.m. today, the Walnut's stage was 22.8 feet. Flood stage is 18 feet. The river will continue rising to near 24.4 feet by Monday morning. The river will fall below flood stage by Thursday morning.

At 24 feet, the last C Street Canal gate is closed in the Walnut River levee on the U.S. 77 bypass.

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