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Grey Cloud Island Resident,

Today the National Weather Service updated their weekend forecast; they are now calling for 1-1.5" of rain area-wide this weekend, which means the Mississippi river level will be at 17.5' at Hastings by next Tuesday. Based on this prediction, Cottage Grove Public Works will need to close Grey Cloud Trail bridge next Tuesday morning and detour traffic through Grey Cloud Island Township. The school district transportation office has been informed of this pending road closure.

The road closure is contingent on the rain this weekend, but we still need to plan accordingly. There is also more rain in the forecast starting next Wednesday, so we will be monitoring the hydrological models closely. At this point we do not know when the river will crest nor how long this detour will be in place. We will, however, post updates on our Flood Preparedness and Response webpage: <https://www.cottagegrovemn.gov/676/Flood-Preparedness-and-Response>

If you have any questions, please contact Captain Gwen Martin at 651-458-6011 or gmartin@cottagegrovemn.gov.

