

**PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BOSTON/NORTON, MA
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...Relocation of the river forecast point at The Merrimack River at Haverhill downstream to The Merrimack River Stream Gauge at Bates Bridge near Haverhill...

Effective Tuesday January 7th 2025, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Norton Massachusetts plans to relocate the river forecast point at The Merrimack River at Haverhill, MA ([HVRM3](#)) downstream to the USGS stream gauge at Bates Bridge near Haverhill, MA on the Merrimack River.

As a result of forecast services being moved downstream, the flood stages associated with Haverhill, MA Merrimack River forecast point have been changed to the following.

**Action Stage - 10 feet
Minor Flood - 11 feet
Moderate Flood - 14 feet
Major Flood - 16 feet**

Impacts associated with each of the flood stages for areas along the Merrimack River near Haverhill, MA remain unchanged.

Beginning on Tuesday January 7th, 2025 observations, forecasts and flood impacts for the new forecast point at Bates Bridge will be available on the NWS National Water Prediction Service webpage here:

<https://water.noaa.gov/gauges/BATM3>

If you have any comments or questions, please contact:

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