

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AID PROGRAM—CHISAGO COUNTY

The Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program consists of watercraft inspections, enforcement, education and outreach, regional coordination, and early detection. The goal of the AIS Program is to Prevent the spread of AIS through conducting watercraft inspections, decontamination of watercraft, providing education and outreach to citizens, enforcing AIS laws and regional coordination.

The program includes Early Detection activities through zebra mussel veliger sampling, installing zebra mussel monitoring plates, and conducting aquatic plant Point-Intercept surveys. Chisago County will implement Rapid Response actions if zebra mussels or other new infestations of AIS are found in a lake or river located in the County.

Chisago County AIS Accomplishments 2018

People Doing AIS Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors • 4 Level 2 Watercraft Inspectors • 1 Seasonal AIS Specialist • 37 Volunteers • 116 Volunteer Hours Served
Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 AIS Events • 1,100 Residents Reached • 350 Children Educated about AIS
Watercraft Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13,579 Inspections Performed • 4,033.5 Hours of Inspections Performed • 21 Accesses Covered by Inspectors • 96% of Watercraft Recorded as Arriving at Launches with Drain Plugs Out • 1 Decontamination Unit
Law Enforcement Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Chisago County Sheriff Officers Conducting AIS Work
Monitoring Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Lakes and Rivers Surveyed for AIS • 21 Zebra Mussel Monitoring Plates Deployed • 9 Water Bodies with Zebra Mussel Monitoring Plates • 11 Water Bodies where Veliger Tows Were Taken

Partners:

- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District
- St. Croix River Association
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- National Park Service
- Area Lake Associations, including:
 - * Center Lakes Association
 - * Chisago-Lindstrom Lakes Association
 - * Green Lake Association
 - * Goose Lake Landowners Association
 - * Rush Lake Improvement Association

