

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.

Early Detection activities include zebra mussel veliger sampling, installing zebra mussel monitoring plates, monitoring for new infestations of AIS at public water accesses, 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 2019

People Doing AIS Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors • 4 Level 2 Watercraft Inspectors • 1 Seasonal AIS Specialist • 79 Volunteers • 383 Volunteer Hours Served
Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 AIS Events • 1,551 Residents Reached • 550 Children Educated about AIS
Watercraft Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,790 Inspections Performed* • 5,868 Hours of Inspections Performed* • 24 Accesses Covered by Inspectors* • 97.1% of Watercraft Arriving at Launches with Drain Plugs Out • 1 Decontamination Unit • 211 Decontaminations Performed* <p>*Chisago County and CLFLWD combined</p>
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"> • 19 Lakes and Rivers Surveyed for AIS • 59 Zebra Mussel Monitoring Plates Deployed • 14 Water Bodies with Zebra Mussel Monitoring Plates • 11 Water Bodies with Veliger Tows • 16 Starry Trek Volunteers

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

