

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION



## Partners:

- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Chisago County Lake Associations
- Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- St. Croix River Association

In 2016, Staff developed an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Communication and Education Plan to educate citizens about AIS and encourage behavior that reduces or stops the spread of AIS in Chisago County. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, AIS outreach events and education to residents and students were severely limited in 2020.

Educational activities for 2020 included:

- Distributing AIS Handouts at boat launches and at seven bait shops located in Chisago County,
- Receiving a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources No Child Left Inside Grant to enhance AIS programming. Working with the St. Croix River Association to provide online Rivers Are Alive AIS education learning materials to students in the county,
- Providing three presentations on AIS educating over 90 residents and students, and
- Submitting AIS Facebook posts [@ChisagoCountyWaterResources](https://www.facebook.com/ChisagoCountyWaterResources).

