

2023 LID/Lake Association/DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program

Aquatic invasive species, such as Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curlyleaf Pondweed, invasive Phragmites and Purple Loosestrife are a serious problem in the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes watershed. A goal of the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) is to **promote the reduction or control of non-native aquatic invasive species**. The objective is to, when appropriate; provide assistance with costs and grants associated with treatment of or education about non-native aquatic invasive species such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curlyleaf Pondweed, Invasive Phragmites, and Purple Loosestrife.

The LID has committed funds for partnering with lake associations within the LID boundaries to control:

- Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed for the purpose of improving navigation. Funds are restricted to support projects that have received an Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR).
- Purple Loosestrife wherever found within the LID boundaries. The lake associations are responsible for all permits, property owner permissions, interactions, and potential liabilities.
- **(NEW FOR 2023)**
- **Invasive Phragmites –In coordination with the University of Minnesota, LID staff will coordinate all surveys and treatment of Invasive Phragmites on LID lakes.**
- **Treatments within 150-feet of the shoreline are now eligible for reimbursements (MNDNR permits still apply)**

The LID will provide 90% of the invoiced cost for the treatment up to the maximum allowed (see following table) to control these invasive species using herbicides or mechanical control.

No reimbursements will be made for time, mileage, labor, etc. incurred by the lake association. These reimbursements are calculated using the cost **after** any non-LID public grants targeted for AIS control.

Applicants must apply for the Chisago County AIS Control Grant prior to requesting the LID reimbursement.

The following lake associations are eligible to receive reimbursement funds through this program in 2023. The LID encourages smaller lakes without 501(c)3 status to partner with an existing 501(c)3 lake association. Within individual lake associations, funds can be allocated to lakes based on need for treatment.

Lake Association	Littoral (Acres)	% of Total	Matching Grant*
Green Lakes Association Green, Little Green Ellen Lakes	1,343	36.5%	\$10,817
Center Lakes Association North & South Center Lakes	1,169	31.8%	\$9,425
Chisago Lindstrom Kroon Lakes Association Chisago, North Lindstrom, South Lindstrom, Kroon Lakes	1,087	29.6%	\$8,758
Pioneer Lake Homeowners Association	77	2.1%	\$1,000
Total			\$30,000

Requesting Reimbursement

Request Submission Deadline: Oct 1, 2023

Applications must be reviewed by LID staff and submitted to the LID board prior to approval.

The following items must be included in request for a reimbursement request to be processed:

- Completed Reimbursement Request Sheet **for each species treated**
- Copies of all eligible invoices being requested for reimbursement
- Map or drawing of the treatment area
- The 501(c)(3) or Employee Identification Number for the lake association
- Copy of all non-LID grant contracts or award letters, indicating monies received
- Invoice requesting reimbursement from the LID
- Copy of DNR Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit application. **Permits are a legal requirement.** Information about DNR permits can be found at:
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/invasive_species/index.html
[Invasive Aquatic Plant Management permit applications will be submitted through the online Minnesota DNR Permitting and Reporting System \(MPARS\).](#)

Please include all attachments and supporting documents when submitting the completed Reimbursement Request Sheet, **in PDF format**. If treating multiple species, a Reimbursement Request Sheet and supporting documents will be required for each species treated.

Requesting Additional Funds

Additional Request Submission Deadline: Nov 1, 2023

If the entire \$30,000 of the matching grant is not requested by the lake associations, the lake associations can request up to \$1,000 more. Lake associations requesting this additional grant funds must submit a request to the LID board for consideration at or before the November 2022 LID board meeting. The total LID AIS partnership grant expenditure for 2023 will be less than or equal to \$30,000.

Please include all attachments and supporting documents when submitting the completed Additional Reimbursement Request Sheet, **in PDF format**.

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