

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION



AIS Display Located at the Rush City Library 2022

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. Educational activities for 2022 included:

- Distributing AIS Handouts at boat launches, community festivals, parades, and at seven bait shops/businesses located in Chisago County,
- Providing the AIS display at three libraries, twelve community festivals/ events educating 1000 residents,
- Providing AIS information at the three parades across Chisago County
- Providing AIS and Aquatic Plants information to over 450 children at the Chisago County Children's Water Festival and North Branch Sunrise Elementary Summer School Group,
- Presenting AIS information to four Lake Associations (Center Lakes, Chisago -Lindstrom, Rush Lake Improvement, and Goose Lake Association), four community groups
- Hosting Boater Appreciation Day, educating over 200 boaters on AIS across Chisago County,
- Submitting AIS articles in the Chisago County Environmental Connections newsletter, and
- Submitting AIS Facebook posts @ChisagoCountyWaterResources.

Partners:

- Chisago County Water Resources
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Chisago County Lake Associations
- Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Wild Rivers Conservancy

