

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION WATER ACCESS MONITORING PROGRAM

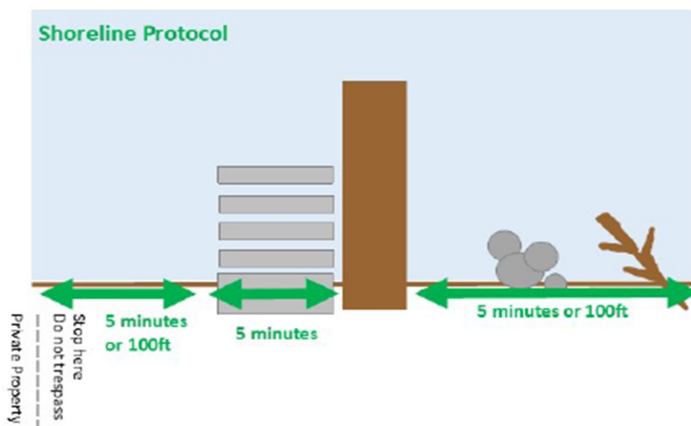


Chisago County Staff Using Double-Sided Rake to Sample for Aquatic Plants

In 2019, Chisago County launched a program to monitor for new infestations of aquatic invasive species (AIS) located at public water accesses in the county. The goal is to provide early detection and treatment if county staff discover previously undocumented infestations of AIS.

Once a month, the AIS Specialist worked with Watercraft Inspectors to follow a shoreline protocol to monitor all lakes with public water access in the county. Staff throws a double-sided rake at designated locations around the access to gather aquatic vegetation. After collecting aquatic vegetation samples, they identify native/invasive species and record their observations.

In 2022, Chisago County staff monitored sixteen lakes. This year there were no new sighting of any AIS. Chisago County will continue the program in the spring of 2023.



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Shoreline Protocol

Partners:

- Chisago County Water Resources
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Chisago County Lakes Monitored:

- Chisago
- Comfort
- East/West Rush
- Fish
- Goose
- Green
- Horseshoe
- Kroon
- Little
- Little Green
- Little Horseshoe
- North/South Center
- North/South Lindstrom
- Rabour
- Spider

