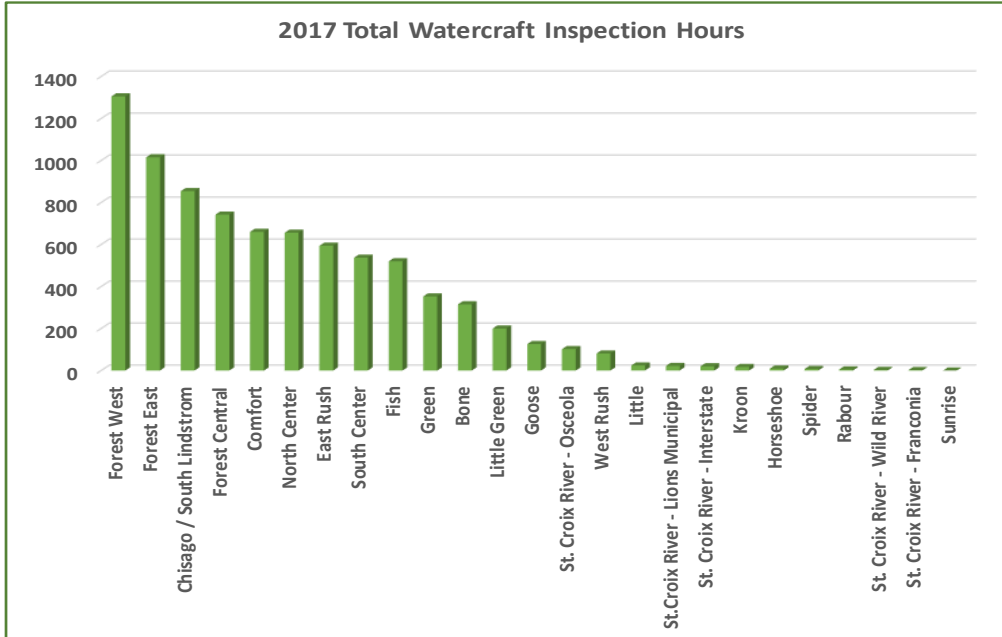


WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM

PROTECTION FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



Thanks to funding in 2017 from the State of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid program, Chisago County continued Watercraft Inspections countywide, including inspections within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) and Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District. Over 8,100 inspection hours were logged at 24 public water accesses. DNR staff provided hundreds of inspection hours primarily at Forest West, Forest East and Chisago/ South Lindstrom accesses. Chisago County and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided decontamination at the 12 most heavily used accesses in the system. Sherriff's Water Patrol staff provided additional inspection hours. Over 16,500 watercraft were inspected.

The goal of the Watercraft Inspection Partnership is to inform and educate the public on the threats of ecologically harmful aquatic invasive plants and animals. Watercraft inspectors work at public water access sites educating the public by providing information to watercraft users and conducting a brief survey while inspecting watercraft for invasive species.



Partners:

- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes LID
- Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District
- Minnesota DNR
- National Park Service

Boat Launches

Inspected:

- Bone
- Center (N & S)
- Chisago/ South Lindstrom
- Comfort
- Fish
- Forest West, East & Central
- Franconia
- Goose
- Green (Big & Little)
- Horseshoe
- Interstate
- Kroon
- Little
- Osceola
- Rabour
- Rush (East & West)
- Spider
- Taylors Falls
- Wild River