

Aquatic Invasive Species Update Washington & Waukesha Counties



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National Invasive Species Awareness Week

National Invasive Species Awareness Week takes place on **February 20th - 26th, 2023**. NISAW is an international event to raise awareness about invasive species, the threat they pose, and what can be done to prevent their spread.

NISAW provides an educational toolkit (including social media and press release templates) for groups to use as outreach materials on Invasive



Species. They also host educational webinars on priority invasive species issues the week of NISAW and the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

2022 Field Season Highlights

With the new year, we want to highlight some of the great things we accomplished in the AIS world in 2022:



Surveying lily-covered Smith Lake (Washington County)



Clean Boats, Clean Waters:

- 49 inspectors trained
- 3,506 boats inspected over 9 lakes
- 1,638 hours spent at launches

18 Lakes & Launches surveyed for AIS:

- 4 Point-Intercept Surveys
- 8 Meander Surveys
- 6 Launch Surveys



Snapshot Day:

- 10 sites monitored
- 2 new AIS populations discovered

~45,000 Purple Loosestrife Beetles Raised





13 Education & Outreach Events

Thank you to everyone who participated in these activities over the 2022 season! Your time and effort is invaluable and we hope to have you back in 2023.





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The Aquatic Invasive Species Program is a cooperative effort between Washington & Waukesha Counties, supported by grant funds from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a number of generous local lake groups working to control the spread of AIS. Thank you for your support!

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