

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

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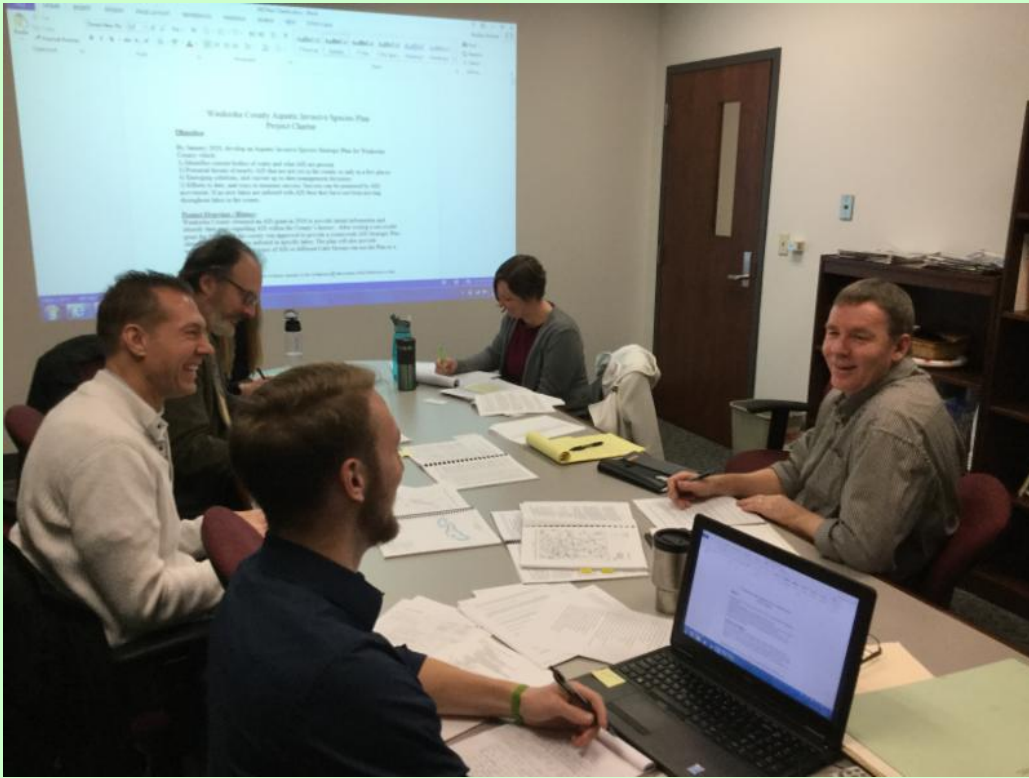
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Con**GRANT**ulations On Supporting the AIS Education, Prevention, and Planning Grant!

Thank you for supporting healthy lakes and rivers! Waukesha County is pleased to announce the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has approved a 3-year grant aimed to prevent or slow the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in county lakes and streams through 2019. We've already hit the ground running planning for the next three years!



Waukesha County Land Resources Division meets with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to discuss strategic ways to move forward.

The grant will help fund a full time Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator position shared with Washington County, as well as a full time AIS Intern during the peak summer season at local boat launches, where much of the education work happens. Thanks to generous financial commitments from a number of local lake/conservation groups, a second AIS Intern will be hired in 2017 to assist with the following activities:

- Maintaining community-focused outreach, education and social media contacts
- Implementing *Clean Boats, Clean Waters* education at local boat ramps, and training volunteers
- Mapping AIS in local lakes and streams and monitoring their impacts
- Developing and implementing a long-term countywide AIS Strategic Plan
- Working with local pet stores and bait shops to prevent the sale of AIS species
- Acting as a point of contact for new AIS and rapid response efforts



The AIS Coordinator uses an underwater camera to look for aquatic invasive species under the ice.

If you see any suspect species of plants or animals in local waters, feel free to call Brad Steckart at 262-355-4806 or email ais@waukeshacounty.gov. Stay updated with our AIS E-News by subscribing [HERE!](#)

Now Hiring: AIS Intern for Waukesha County

Waukesha County is seeking a full-time summer intern to assist with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) education, prevention, and outreach from May 29th - September 4th 2017.

Duties will include performing watercraft inspections at boat landings on County lakes and assisting the AIS Coordinator with outreach and education, lake surveys, and AIS removal efforts.

Much of the time will be spent at boat launches, on various types of watercraft, and in the water. There will be an emphasis on increasing AIS awareness and education to boaters, anglers, classrooms, and the general public.

Training and work direction will be provided by the AIS Coordinator. Click [this link](#) or the pictures below for full job description and to apply!!



(Left) - Aquatic Invasive Species Interns from 2016 conduct a point-intercept survey. (Right) - AIS



Coordinator measures an invasive yellow iris.

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