

# Aquatic Invasive Species Update

## Waukesha County



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## County-wide Lake Meeting Set to Discuss AIS

On June 30, Waukesha County sent a [letter](#) to Lake Districts throughout the county to request their financial support for a coordinated county-wide aquatic invasive species (AIS) program from 2017-2019. The financial support would help the county compete for limited state funds in a 3-year AIS grant application this fall. Some lake groups have asked for more information on the current and planned AIS activities. To help answer these and other AIS related questions, a meeting is scheduled for all interested lake organizations on **Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Oconomowoc Community Center**, on the shore of Lac LaBelle (220 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI). A draft agenda is listed below. All lake districts, lake associations and lake communities in Waukesha County are encouraged to attend.



### Draft Agenda

- AIS in Waukesha County - what the data shows
- County AIS Strategic Plan development
- Clean Boats Clean Water/AIS Signage - local updates
- Washington/Waukesha County partnership & DNR AIS grants

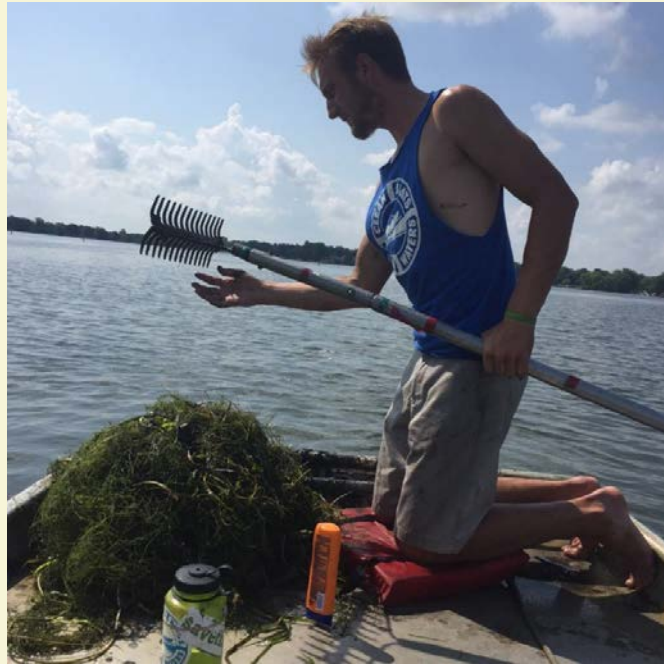
- How local lake groups can help - discussion with attendees



## Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Team Monthly Update

The AIS Coordinator for Waukesha County, Brad Steckart has been swamped with work this summer! He is busy meeting grant requirements and gathering data to put towards a County-wide strategic plan. Here are some highlights:

- Waukesha County is only five hours away from hitting our grant goal of 200 hours of Clean Boats, Clean Waters Surveys!! So far, we have made contact with 2,114 people in the County. Hopefully you've been one of them!
- In order to create maps for the County-wide strategic plan, our goal is to survey five lakes this summer. So far, our AIS team has been able to conduct meander surveys on Silver Lake, Ottawa Lake, and Ashippun Lake. Thanks to all of the kind folks letting us use their boats, equipment, and sometimes facilities during our long days out on the lakes!



- The AIS team here in Waukesha County has teamed up to help the DNR conduct a point-intercept survey of starry stonewort in Little Muskego Lake which will help determine the effectiveness of chemical treatment on this macrophyte algae species.
- We have met with various Lake Associations and Lake Districts, lending advice and a helping hand whenever possible.
- Surveying areas that are at high risk for invasive species is also part of our grant. We have surveyed different areas of the Big Muskego Shoreline, Vernon Marsh, and the Fox River to look for unknown invasive species that may be lurking there. Great news, we haven't found any that weren't already documented!
- Brad presented at the Waukesha County teacher tour, and the teachers seemed very interested in what he had to say. This winter he may find himself speaking in different classrooms, colleges, and after-school groups.
- Waukesha County participated in the Statewide July 4th Landing Blitz. We focused our efforts on Okauchee, Oconomowoc, Lac La Belle, and Pewaukee Lakes. The Blitz ran from July 2nd to July 4th and we talked to hundreds of boaters in the area while

handing out free towels to wipe boats down with. It was a great success and we gave away ALL of our towels!

- Aquatic Invasive Species Cleaning Stations are now up, or will be up soon, at all of the County-owned boat launches which include Ashippun, Pewaukee, School Section, Nemahbin (Upper and Lower), and Nagawicka Lakes. These stations include tools and instructions on how to clean off your boat to avoid spreading invasive species.

As always, YOU can do your part and take care of removing weeds, water, and waste from your boat BEFORE leaving the launch to prevent the spread of aquatic hitchhikers!



## AIS Snapshot Day

On September 10, 2016 we will be meeting at different rendezvous sites searching for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Waukesha County. We will check local rivers for AIS that are harming the river systems. This is a great volunteer opportunity for those interested in Aquatic Invasive Species or just looking to help out!

The event runs from 9am to 1pm, snacks and beverages will be provided! Please RSVP

at <https://www.wisconsinrivers.org/events/display/item/snapshot-day-5>.

Groups will meet at 9am at any of these Rendezvous Points:

- Menomonee Park
- Parkview Middle School
- Waukesha County Courthouse
- Waukesha West High School

Small groups will travel to bridge crossings by a leader in search for AIS using rakes and visually looking at shore lines. This is a great way for AIS coordinators and citizens around Wisconsin see what is in our rivers that may have gone undetected with the help of volunteers. This program will help people get more familiar with invasive species identification and their look a likes.



Last year there was 20 rendezvous sites around Wisconsin and about 200 people were involved. Please join us this year to make this the most successful Snapshot day yet!

Feel free to contact Jenna Bales with any questions regarding Waukesha County AIS Snapshot Day at [jbales@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:jbales@waukeshacounty.gov).

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