

Sample AIS Funding Commitment Letter

(Organization Letterhead)

Date: xx/xx/2016

To: Waukesha County Land Resources Division

From: (Organization Name)

RE: Funding Commitment for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program 2017-2019

Please accept this memo as a financial commitment from the (organization name) to support the Waukesha County AIS program for the years 2017-2019. The (organization name) recognizes how AIS can negatively impacts local water resources, public recreational opportunities, and near shore property values. The (organization name) fully supports a countywide AIS program to coordinate activities aimed to prevent the spread of AIS in lakes and streams around the county.

For each of the above noted three years, the (organization name) is committed to provide \$1,000 cash (and possibly in-kind services, as needed) to support this important program. It is our understanding that this funding will help support the following AIS activities throughout Waukesha County:

- Employing 50% of a full time AIS Coordinator position in partnership with Washington County
- Hiring AIS Summer Intern(s) to implement the *Clean Boats Clean Water* program
- Training county parks staff at the five county-owned boat launches to recognize and prevent the spread of AIS
- Documenting the presence and distribution of AIS through local water resource inventories
- Compiling and analyzing new and existing AIS data
- Preparing a countywide AIS Strategic Plan in cooperation with the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and a Waukesha County AIS Advisory Committee
- Implementing the AIS strategic plan

It is also understood that the above noted program activities, and this financial commitment, are contingent on Washington and Waukesha County receiving adequate state grant funds to sustain the AIS program.