

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Washington & Waukesha Counties



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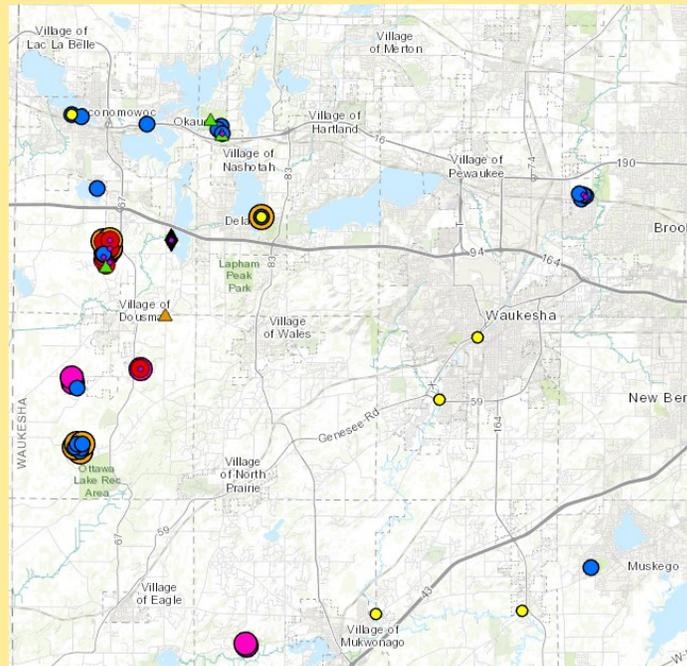
Washington and Waukesha Counties AEPP Grant Applications

On December 10th, both Washington and Waukesha Counties will be submitting their AEPP (Aquatic Invasive Species Education, Prevention, and Planning) grant applications with the hope of securing funding for the next 3 years. We reached out to lake groups and other organizations to request letters of financial or in-kind (boat usage, assistance when conducting field work, etc) support to supplement our grant applications. These letters greatly increase our chances of being awarded the grants by showing support and dedication from the public to further prevent the spread of AIS. If you are a member of an organization that would like to write a letter in support of the AIS Program, please contact the AIS Coordinator [Cassie Taplin](#).

Waukesha County AIS App

Staff from both Washington and Waukesha Counties worked hard this past summer surveying waterbodies for AIS. In Waukesha County, an online GIS application was developed to display where AIS was detected by staff when conducting early detection surveys. Jim Rose, a Senior Conservation Specialist for Waukesha County, has uploaded our survey data from 2019! Check it out here: [Waukesha County AIS App](#)

The different colored shapes on the map represent different species found at each location.



Wisconsin Envirothon - It's for the Kids!

The WI Envirothon is a hands-on environmental problem-solving competition for high school-aged students in the United States and Canada. Participating teams complete training and testing in five natural resource categories: soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and current environmental issues." The theme for the 2020 current issue is "Water Resource Management: Local Control and Local Solutions". Want to help sponsor this event and support these dedicated kids? Sponsorships range anywhere between \$100 - \$3,500 (see Sponsorship Details below for further information).

The Wisconsin Envirothon, hosted by WI Land and Water Youth Education, is set for April 17th, 2020 at the Wisconsin Lion's Camp in Rosholt, WI. The National Conservation Foundation states "The Envirothon is North America's largest high school environmental education competition. Reaching more than 500,000 students across North America annually, the Envirothon succeeds in its mission to develop knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated citizens who are willing and prepared to work towards achieving a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment. As

a sponsor, your donations would help support this valuable program!

[2020 Envirothon Brochure](#)

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Lake of the Month - Sandy Knoll Pond

The Sandy Knoll Pond is located in Sandy Knoll County Park in Washington County. Sandy Knoll Pond is 3 acres in size and has a public beach and fishing opportunities. Fishermen can expect to find Northern pike, bass, and pan fish. The DNR annually stocks the pond with trout as part of the Urban Fishing Program. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program. If you walk along the beach in the summertime, you will notice snail shells with dark, horizontal bands wrapping around them. These are banded mystery snails, an invasive species! They were verified in the pond this summer by the County AIS staff.

For more information on Sandy Knoll County park, click here: [Sandy Knoll County Park](#)





Banded mystery snail (Photo credit USGS-NAS)

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