

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

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Save the Date - Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Training

The date is set! Paul Skawinski, a State-wide coordinator for the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN) will be visiting Waukesha County to give a training for volunteers interested in the program. Learn how to identify aquatic vegetation and monitor lakes for aquatic invasive species!

The training will be held on **June 5th at the Oconomowoc Community Center on Lac La Belle:**
220 W Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

The training will begin at **9 AM** and will last for approximately 2 - 3 hours. Bring a writing utensil, paper, and some clothes you don't mind getting wet!



Outreach

Throughout April the AIS Coordinator was asked to speak to multiple school groups about how to identify AIS and how to prevent their spread! She gave six 45 minute presentations to approximately 300 sixth graders at the Silverbrook Intermediate School in West Bend, Washington County. She also gave two AIS presentations to 120 junior high students at the Retzer Nature Center as part of their "Invasives in Our Ecosystem" program where students learned about both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species.

Purple Loosestrife Bio-control

Want to help control purple loosestrife populations? Do you have a patch of purple loosestrife in mind that you would like to control? Here's how you can help using beetles! Join the Washington County 4H WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) and the Washington/Waukesha County AIS team by participating in the Purple Loosestrife Program.

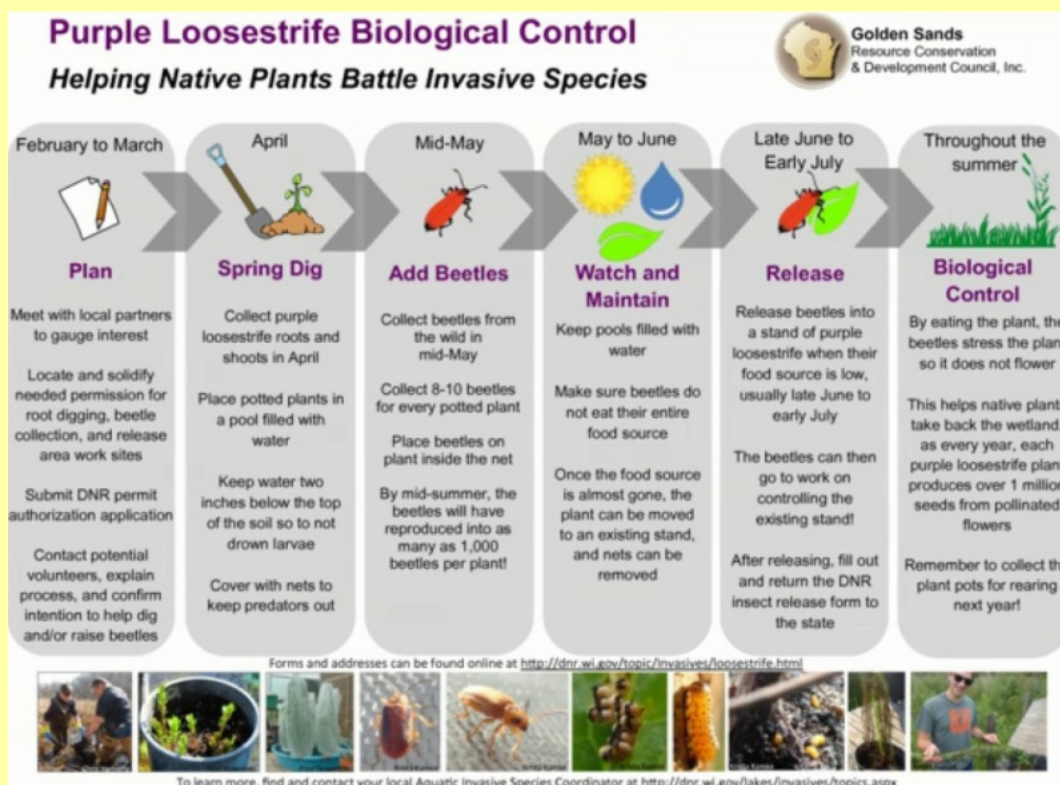
Volunteers in the Purple Loosestrife Program start by growing harvested purple loosestrife that is provided by the Washington County 4H WHEP. After the plants are 3-4 feet tall, each plant will receive 10 beetles. The beetles munch and reproduce on the purple loosestrife plant until it gets brown and wilted. That's when it is time to release them into a wild patch of purple loosestrife!

**Collect your materials on May 4th at the Washington County Fair Park
small animal barn from 9 am - 11 am:
3000 Pleasant Valley Rd, West Bend, WI 53095**

All materials will be provided (plants, pots, netting, etc). We will even collect the beetles and deliver them directly to you!



Purple loosestrife beetles eating the leaves and stems of purple loosestrife. These beetles only consume purple loosestrife, and will die once the purple loosestrife is gone!



General timeline of purple loosestrife biocontrol activities

Mad about Mussels!

Want to learn more about native mussels in Wisconsin? Here is an excellent opportunity! Join the AIS Coordinator and staff from the Retzer Nature Center for a Mussel Monitoring Program Training provided by the Wisconsin DNR! You will learn about the identification and ecology for native mussels and how to safely monitor them. There is currently minimal data available regarding mussels in the Fox watershed; you can help increase the DNR's database about species distribution! Native mussels are sensitive to changes in the environment, and some species have been threatened by AIS such as the

zebra mussels that cake onto their shells and out compete them for food.

The training will be held on **June 15th from 10 am - 2 pm at the Miniwaukan Park in Mukwonago: 360 McKenzie Drive, Mukwonago, WI 53149**
Bring a pencil, paper, a camera (or smartphone) and some clothes you don't mind getting wet. Join us!



Endangered winged mapleleaf mussel



Zebra mussels caked onto a native mussel

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Training Dates

Just a reminder about Clean Boats, Clean Water Trainings! If you have any questions contact the AIS Coordinator: cassie.taplin@co.washington.wi.us

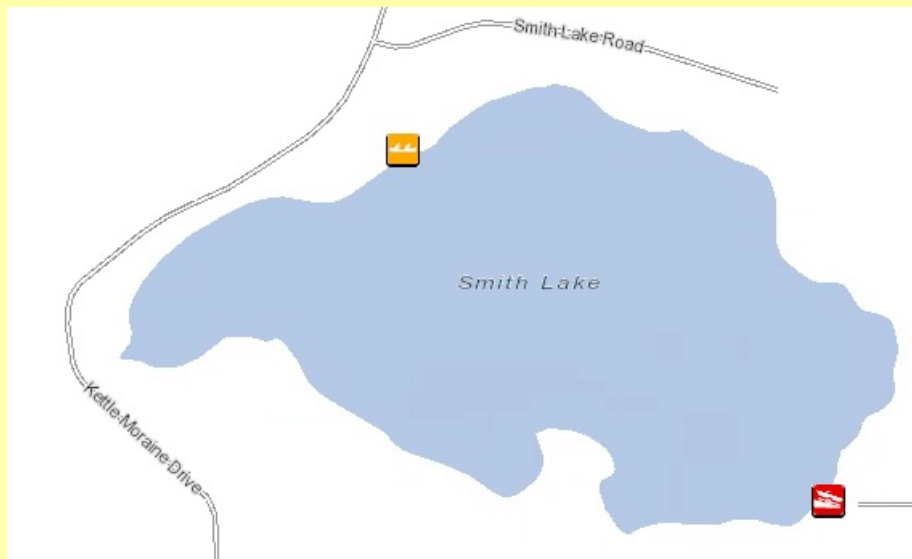
Date	County	Time	Location	Address
5/6/19	Washington	9-11 am	Public Agency Center - Room 3224	333 E Washington St, West Bend, 53095
5/6/19	Waukesha	2-4 pm	Oconomowoc Community Center	220 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc, 53066
5/13/19	Washington	9-11 am	Richfield Village	4128 Hubertus Rd,

			Hall	Hubertus, 53033
5/13/19	Waukesha	2-4 pm	Retzer Nature Center - Fen Room	S14 W28167 Madison St. Waukesha, 53188
5/20/19	Washington	9-11 am	Public Agency Center - Room 3224	333 E Washington St, West Bend, 53095
5/20/19	Waukesha	2-4 pm	Muskego Public Library - Room 3	573 W16663 W Janesville Rd, Muskego, 53150
6/10/19	Washington	9-11 am	Ackerman's Grove Public Access on Little Cedar Lake - Shelter 3	4875 Co Hwy Z, West Bend, 53095
6/10/19	Waukesha	2-4 pm	Summit Village Hall	37100 Delafield Rd, Oconomowoc, 53066

Lake of the Month - Smith Lake

Smith Lake is a seepage lake in northern Washington County. Smith has a surface area of 85 acres and max depth of 5 feet. Fisherman can expect to catch pan fish, northern pike, and large mouth bass. Smith is accessible by a public boat launch on its South side, and a carry-in access on its North side.

Aquatic Invasive Species: **None**



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