

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Washington & Waukesha Counties



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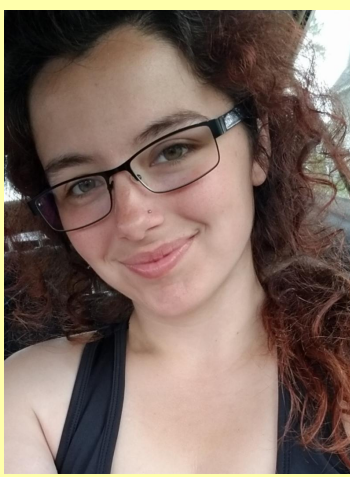
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Introduction

Hello! My name is Cassie Taplin, the new Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Washington and Waukesha Counties. I'm excited to start this position and do some great work stopping the spread of invasive species! I have already reached out to some of you to introduce myself and get to know you and the waterbody or organization you are associated with. Below is my contact information so if you need anything related to AIS please feel free to reach out to me.



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New Year, Same Goals

We at Washington and Waukesha County hope that every one has had a great start to their New Year! Even as we are all bundled up for the chilly January weather, plans are in motion to prepare for a busy summer season ahead.

Stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species is a constant battle, but more and more people are aware of the threats of AIS through the efforts of dedicated volunteers! This year will provide multiple opportunities for community members to learn about AIS and ways to volunteer for a variety of programs such as:

- Clean Boats, Cleans Waters - Learn how to conduct boat inspections at public launches! There will be 4 training sessions in Washington County and 4 in Waukesha County in May 2019 (specific dates and locations to be determined)
- Snapshot Day - spend a day outside exploring select sites looking for a wide range of AIS
- Purple Loosestrife Bio-control - work with the 4H Wildlife Habitat Education Program to collect purple loosestrife and beetles which will eventually be used to treat and kill areas infested by purple loosestrife
- And more to come! Keep an eye on our Aquatic Invasive Species Update Newsletter for specific information on upcoming events



Volunteer planting purple loosestrife root stock that will later be used to

AIS Interns

Know someone looking for an internship this summer? Washington and Waukesha County will be looking to hire interns to work with the AIS Coordinator. The position will include participating in the Clean Boats, Clean Waters boat inspection program, helping conduct field work such as submerged vegetation surveys, and conducting AIS outreach at events. Positions will be posted in February, followed by interviews and selection in March for a mid-May start date.

Lake of the Month - Eagle Spring

Eagle Spring Lake is a beautiful 279-acre lake located in the Village of Eagle in Waukesha County. Its max depth is 8 feet, and it is moderately clear. The Mukwonago River, popular for kayaking, also runs through Eagle Spring Lake. Anyone fishing can expect to see panfish, largemouth bass, and northern pike.

Verified AIS: Asian clams, Chinese mystery snails, Eurasian water milfoil, zebra mussels



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