

# Aquatic Invasive Species Update

## Washington & Waukesha Counties



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## Spring!

The weather is warming up, snow is melting, and for many Spring fever is in full effect! The summer field season will soon be right around the corner. In preparation for this, we are now starting to reach out to AIS Intern candidates for interviews with the expectation of a mid-May start date. If you know of anyone who would still like to apply, we encourage them to submit their applications as soon as possible!

The AIS Coordinator is also prepping for a busy April with outreach events such as:

- Invasives in Our Ecosystem - Retzer Nature Center, April 15th
- Earth Day Celebration - Retzer Nature Center, April 27th
- Assisting the Riveredge Nature Center with their Testing the Waters Service Learning Program

The AIS Coordinator will be attending the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention in Steven's Point on April 10-12th. This is a conference full of presentations and workshops about lake health, invasive species, aquatic plant identification, fishing and more! Want to attend? The early bird registration was over on March 13th, but there is still time to register! Click the following link to learn more: <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/>



## Boat Launch Signage

Do you know of a boat launch with no AIS signage? We can help! At the Counties we currently have four "Prevent the Spread" 1.5' x 2' signs, and we will be reordering more 4' x 4' AIS removal stations that would come with a grabber and brush to help remove vegetation from boats and trailers. One cleaning station has already been given out this year to Oconomowoc Lake! Contact the AIS Coordinator if you are interested, and she can meet with you to deliver the sign and discuss placement.



## Honoring Volunteers

The Citizen Lake Monitoring Network is a citizen science program through the UW-Extension that teaches volunteers how to survey lakes for water clarity, water chemistry, invasive species, ice-on/ice-off, and native plants. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers participate in this program State wide, but today we are honoring 2 volunteers close to home in Waukesha County that have been participating in the program for **30 years!**

**John Sipos - Golden Lake, Waukesha County**  
**Lisa Conley - Lac La Belle, Waukesha County**

Thank you so much for your dedication as a volunteer to this program, and for keeping an eye on the lakes!

**Want to be a part of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network and learn how to monitor water quality?** Stay posted!! The AIS Coordinator is planning on having a guest presenter visit and give a training for interested volunteers in late May/early June!



## Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show

On March 8th and 9th the AIS Coordinator had the opportunity to help the Wisconsin AIS Partnership host a booth at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show at the State Fair Grounds Exposition Center. The Wisconsin AIS Partnership is a conglomerate of all individuals in the State working with AIS, including staff from the DNR, Sea Grant, Counties, and volunteers! Boaters, fisherman, outdoorsman and more attend this event not only to find great deals on gear, but to learn about natural resources! We provided flyers about bait use, Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers, the Clean Boats Clean Waters program, species identification cards and field guides. People had great questions about AIS, and it was a wonderful opportunity to make personal connections with locals. Approximately 145,000 people attended this event!



The AIS Coordinator for Washington and Waukesha Counties, Cassie Taplin, at the Wisconsin AIS Partnership booth

# Sciences

On March 14th the UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences hosted its annual Fresh Water Careers Day. This is an opportunity for students to network, learn about different career paths in fresh water, and learn about potential internship or job opportunities. The students were able to speak with a "Water Expert Panel" with employees from federal, state, and private organizations. The AIS Coordinator used this opportunity to advertise the AIS Intern position for this upcoming summer; two resumes were handed in on the spot! Students had great questions about AIS in general and the educational background of the AIS Coordinator.



Booth displaying materials about Waukesha County parks, volunteer/job opportunities, and AIS identification cards



Water expert panel discussing fresh water career opportunities with approximately 20 students

## Clean Boats, Clean Waters Training Dates

The dates are set for Clean Boats, Clean Water Trainings! Whether you are new to the program or just need a refresher, we encourage everyone to attend! If there is a date and location that works for you and you would like to attend a training, contact the AIS Coordinator and she will add you to the list: [cassie.taplin@co.washington.wi.us](mailto: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 Hall	4128 Hubertus Rd, 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 - Henrietta Lake

Henrietta Lake is a seepage lake in Waukesha County south of Hwy 18 near the Village of Dousman. Henrietta has a surface area of 23 acres, and a max depth of 7 feet. Fisherman can expect to catch pan fish, northern pike, and large mouth bass. Henrietta is accessible by a public carry in launch.

Aquatic Invasive Species: Eurasian Water Milfoil



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