Waseca County
2019
Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are defined as those aquatic organisms that:

- Are non-native;
- Tend to invade ecosystems beyond their natural, historic range;
- Lead to economic and/or environmental harm; and
- Pose potential harm to human health.

Aquatic invasive species, such as Eurasian watermilfoil, carp, zebra mussels, and starry stonewort, are currently threatening Minnesota waters.

Waseca County Infestations

There are currently two lakes within Waseca County that are listed as infested due to Eurasian watermilfoil, Clear and Reeds Lakes. In addition, curly-leaf pondweed is found within Clear, Loon, Sibert, and St. Olaf Lakes.

Eurasian watermilfoil is a submersed invasive aquatic plant that was inadvertently introduced to the Great Lakes from Europe via ballast tanks. Between the 1950s and 1980s, the invasive plant had reached Midwestern states, primarily spreading by boats. It was first seen in Lake Minnetonka in 1987. This species is classified as a prohibited invasive species, and is unlawful (a misdemeanor) to possess, import, purchase, transport, or introduce in Minnesota.

Eurasian watermilfoil forms dense mats on the water surface which can be problematic. These thick mats can interfere with swimming and entangle propellers which negatively impacts recreational opportunities. The mats also harm local ecosystems by out competing and displacing native aquatic plants which in turn negatively impacts fish and wildlife. Due to its high reproduction rate through stem
fragmentation, recreationalists should be on the lookout for Eurasian watermilfoil on boats, trailers, lifts, docks, water sports equipment, or other items on which the plant can become entangled, and promptly remove when found. When inspecting these items for the plant’s presence it is important to be able to distinguish it from its native counterpart, Northern watermilfoil. The invasive Eurasian watermilfoil typically has 12 to 21 pairs of leaflets, whereas the Northern watermilfoil plant has between 5 and 9 leaflet pairs.

Curly-leaf pondweed is a submersed invasive aquatic plant that was first observed in Minnesota in 1910, and can be found in 70 out of 87 Minnesotan counties. The plant was introduced to North America in the 1880s by hobbyists for use as an aquarium plant. Like Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed is classified as a prohibited invasive species, and is unlawful (a misdemeanor) to possess, import, purchase, transport, or introduce in Minnesota.

Curly-leaf pondweed also forms dense mats of vegetation in water up to ten feet in depth, causing problems for recreationalists and aquatic ecosystems. Curly-leaf pondweed crowds out of native aquatic plants and die-off in mid-summer releases nutrients that lead to large algal blooms and low water clarity in lakes. A single plant fragment can cause a new infestation, so it is important that lake users ensure curly-leaf pondweed is not transported via boats, trailers, lifts, docks, water sports equipment, or other items on which the plant can become entangled.

**Surrounding County Infestations**

Many other lakes within the County are at risk of becoming infested due to the unintentional transport of AIS through aquatic recreationalists. The following table shows the infestations that are present in counties adjacent Waseca:
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*Does not include curly-leaf pondweed infestations.

An overview of water resources in the County that have the potential to be impacted by AIS can be found in Appendix A.

Local Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

In 2014, the State of Minnesota Legislature authorized an annual funding stream in Local Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid “to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county,” (Minnesota Statute 447.A19). Statewide distributions were $4.5 million in 2014, and have been prescribed to be $10 million each year thereafter.

Funds are allocated based on each county's share of watercraft trailer launches (50%), and each county's share of watercraft trailer parking spaces (50%). A map of public water accesses within Waseca County can be found in Appendix B. Allocations of Local AIS Prevention Aid funds received by Waseca County were $22,604 in 2014, $50,230 in 2015, $50,029 in 2016, $47,744 in 2017, $47,332 in 2018, and in 2019 Waseca County will receive $47,286.

This plan acts as a tool for linking Waseca County Water Plan initiatives with local goals for optimizing the use of the Local AIS Prevention Aid funds. In 2014 and 2015, Waseca County met statutory requirements by structuring the County AIS Prevention Plan to provide guidelines for the use of prevention aid proceeds, titling the plan according to the year it was submitted to the Department of Natural Resources. Beginning in 2016, the annual plan was retitled according to the year following the December 31 deadline in order to outline expenditures for the reporting period, as well as actions to be taken in the following year.

The table below lists efforts that Waseca County may undertake during 2019 to help prevent and manage the spread of AIS within Minnesota. Those entities that may partner with Waseca County for plan implementation can be found in Appendix C. In addition, expenditures for AIS prevention and management activities during 2018 can be found in Appendix D.
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<td>Use MNDNR’s Infested Waters List to identify County linkages to water bodies both inside and outside County limits.</td>
<td>Some AIS may travel or be more easily transported between infested waters and other connected water bodies; knowing these linkages will help prioritize prevention resources.</td>
<td>Prevention – Understand Risks</td>
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<td>Install traffic counters at public accesses to determine most frequented sites. Use results in prioritization efforts.</td>
<td>Initiating prevention efforts at heavily trafficked areas will decrease introduction and spreading potential.</td>
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<td>Utilize risk models to inform prevention and management activities.</td>
<td>Assessing potential for species introduction coupled with habitat suitability will optimize efforts.</td>
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<td>Create a GIS mapping application that identifies high priority pathways from waters outside of the County limits as well as local pathways. Evaluate and rank the risk level of pathways annually.</td>
<td>Publishing user friendly resources for public and staff to utilize will allow for the development of focused plans for targeted pathways.</td>
<td>Prevention – Understand Risks</td>
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Identify established and new AIS of concern. Develop a County ranking/classification system for species, utilizing the State Rankings list. Publish information on the County website and consider creating a seasonal AIS newsletter for species updates.

Providing readily available information on species and their tiered risks will promote public and staff understanding of what species warrant the highest dedication of prevention efforts.

Implement electric fish barriers on identified high priority pathways of invasive fish species.

Preventing upstream migration of invasive fish will foster an aquatic environment that is less likely to facilitate additional AIS.

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<td>Invest in decontamination units to be stationed at high priority water bodies.</td>
<td>Decontamination units will limit AIS introduction to non-infested water bodies, and will stop the transport of AIS to other water bodies from infested lakes.</td>
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<td>Continue inspection program to include a minimum of three Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors. Conduct 600 hours of inspections during the inspection season. Update DNR delegation agreement for 2019 inspection season (see current delegation agreement in Appx. D).</td>
<td>Watercraft inspectors are primary units for ceasing the introduction of AIS to water bodies. In addition, inspectors help spread accurate outreach messages to boaters.</td>
<td>Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Containment – Public Awareness</td>
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Install invasive species disposal stations at public accesses. 

Disposal stations encourage boat inspections and manual decontaminations by members of the public while inspectors are on- and off-duty.

Prevention – Research and Technologies

Ensure that local authorities are aware of state regulations that prohibit transport of prohibited invasive species, aquatic plants, and water from designated infested waters. Convene authorities once per inspection season to discuss regulatory updates.

Consistent enforcement of AIS regulations aimed at containment will help to prevent further spread of AIS.

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<td>Train County field staff (e.g., zoning, ditch inspector, highway, public health) on practices to avoid spreading invasive species. Coordinate with the MNDNR to hold 1 prevention presentation session during the spring season.</td>
<td>County staff can take simple steps to prevent AIS spread or new introductions, and can also set an example for businesses and individuals in the County.</td>
<td>Prevention – Research and Technologies</td>
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<td>Annually inspect lake service providers to ensure DNR certification. Distribute certified providers list to County residents.</td>
<td>Lake service providers are primary agents for ceasing the spread of AIS. Ensuring certification reduces introduction and spread potential.</td>
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Develop methods and local training sessions to reduce the risk of invasive species introduction through government and business operations. | The county will help prevent AIS spread by developing and sharing new risk-reduction methods and by identifying actions and operations that could contribute to AIS spread. | Prevention – Research and Technologies |

Develop curricula for schools and education materials for events, such as the Waseca County Fair, to support youth education about AIS. | Young people can help prevent the spread of AIS through their own actions and by modeling their knowledge and actions to their families. | Prevention – Public Awareness |

Develop and distribute AIS prevention messages targeting riparian landowners who launch watercraft from private residential accesses. | Many watercraft enter water bodies via private residential properties and are not reached by education and prevention efforts. Increasing contact with this audience will expand local knowledge of AIS prevention. | Prevention – Public Awareness |

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<td>Coordinate with the MNDNR and adjacent counties to host a day long workshop during Minnesota’s Invasive Species month.</td>
<td>Large scale educational events result in the expansion of knowledge, communication networks, and potential volunteers.</td>
<td>Prevention – Public Awareness</td>
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<td>Continue collaboration with adjacent counties, watershed groups, and/or jurisdictions whose water bodies connect to the County’s to develop a regional approach to AIS prevention.</td>
<td>Because AIS and the individuals who could transport them do not stay inside county borders, effective coordination is necessary to prevent AIS spread.</td>
<td>Prevention – Regional Approaches</td>
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Train County field staff (e.g., planning and zoning, public health) on management practices that will maintain and/or create diverse, native landscapes that are resilient to invasive species.

AIS are more likely to thrive in degraded habitats. Stabilizing ecosystems through promotion of native landscapes allows water bodies to be more resistant to AIS.

Seek individuals for participation in the MNDNR AIS Volunteer/Ambassador program to distribute educational materials at selected public access points, particularly at high priority landings, including those at Clear, and St. Olaf Lakes.

Targeting educational efforts to the users of a water body may help prevent AIS spread from or into that water body.

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<td>Work with the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers and Clean, Drain, Dispose campaigns to strengthen awareness of AIS issues in Waseca County. Continue to stock educational brochures at landings, planning and zoning office, and license bureau.</td>
<td>Consistent messaging such as that from the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers and Clean, Drain, Dispose ads may help educate individuals about their role in AIS prevention.</td>
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<td>Explore partnership opportunities with existing outreach efforts developed by the MNDNR and the Minnesota Sea Grant Program.</td>
<td>Leveraging existing communications materials ensures that the public receives accurate messages about rules and best practices related to AIS prevention.</td>
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Coordinate with the MNDNR to publicize new infestations at access sites, in lake association newsletters, and other local publications. Continue to publish MNDNR Infested Waters list on County website.

- Timely and accurate notice of new AIS infestations empowers the public to help prevent the further spread of AIS.

- Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Containment – Public Awareness

Develop tailored messages aimed at lake-related businesses (e.g., home builders, developers) and local government staff (e.g., county planners) regarding AIS prevention.

- Ensuring that individuals are aware of AIS prevention measures that they can take in the course of their daily work will help to reduce the risk of AIS spread.

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<td>Conduct field surveys for priority AIS and monitor populations using MNDNR protocols.</td>
<td>Surveying and monitoring results on County waters will act as a foundation for prioritizing efforts.</td>
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<td>Coordinate with local partners to develop and periodically revise Integrated Pest Management Plans for high priority invasive species in the County.</td>
<td>Integrated Pest Management Plans outline specific actions that result in long-term prevention of AIS while upholding ecological integrity.</td>
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<td>Obtain and distribute Watch ID cards from the Minnesota Sea Grant Program. Consider partnership with heavily frequented resorts.</td>
<td>Finding new infestations of AIS early is important for preventing further spread. Ensuring that recreationists know what AIS to look for maximizes the chance of early detection.</td>
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<td>Develop a comprehensive system for reporting sightings/presence of high priority AIS within County.</td>
<td>Identifying high priority species and responding with a prompt and coordinated response can reduce the establishment, spread, and negative impacts seen with invasive species.</td>
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Supporting community involvement in AIS prevention and management activities will maximize awarded Prevention Aid funds and County resources.

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Encourage County staff, businesses, and individuals to submit samples of suspected AIS to the MNDNR.

The County can support early detection and prevention efforts by helping the MNDNR to quickly confirm new infestations of AIS.

Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Containment – Detection

Augment communication and reporting mechanisms for citizen monitoring of lakes and rivers.

Ensuring that local discoveries of AIS are quickly communicated to the right people will maximize prevention efforts related to new infestations.

Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Containment – Detection

Cultivate partnerships with organizations interested in AIS prevention (e.g., lake associations) to support AIS surveys in water bodies (infested and non-infested) and on docks and lifts.

Leveraging the resources of existing organizations will help to find new AIS infestations more efficiently and to prevent further spread of those AIS.

Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Containment – Prioritize

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<td>Coordinate with the MNDNR for information on management of AIS, and adopt control plans utilizing safe and cost-effective techniques.</td>
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**Increase County Enforcement Resources**

Officially designate the Waseca County AIS Task Force through a resolution.

This group will provide a forum for communication, education, and technical planning for County prevention measures.

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<td>Seek additional funds to implement unfunded actions in this plan.</td>
<td>The effectiveness of AIS prevention actions can be limited by inadequate financial resources.</td>
<td>Prevention – Funding</td>
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<td>Assist with funding local outreach and monitoring efforts by entities other than the County, including lake associations.</td>
<td>Overall AIS prevention efforts can be strengthened by supporting the capacity of other local organizations to conduct AIS outreach and monitoring activities.</td>
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<th>Develop and maintain contacts with other local organizations, businesses, and government entities to coordinate efforts.</th>
<th>The participation of local partners is necessary for the County’s AIS prevention plan to be effective.</th>
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<td>Facilitate the establishment of local organizations such as County Coalitions of Lake Associations to create partners in implementing the County’s AIS prevention plan.</td>
<td>Additional partnerships among local organizations will increase the county’s capacity to implement its AIS prevention plan.</td>
<td>Leadership and Coordination - Local</td>
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<td>Evaluate AIS prevention efforts and cooperative relationships for possible improvements. Annually update this plan.</td>
<td>Annual plan updates facilitate program growth. Local input contributes to prioritization of plan efforts.</td>
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**UPDATING AND AMENDING THE PLAN**

This plan will be submitted annually to the MNDNR to meet MN Statute 477A.19 requirements, which states, “Each county must submit a copy of its guidelines for use of the proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31 of the year the payments are received.” Each year of submission, the plan will outline expenditures through the funding year, as well as actions to be implemented for the following planning year.

**APPENDICES**

The following appendices include relevant information pertaining to the Waseca County AIS Prevention Plan including County water resources, location of public access, potential plan participants, the County’s watercraft inspection program, 2018 State Aid spending, and plan implementation.
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### County Water Resources

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<td>Total number of public water accesses</td>
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<td>Number of public water accesses with MnDOT listed as the administrator</td>
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<td>Number of public water accesses with the township listed as the administrator</td>
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<td>Number of public water accesses with the city listed as the administrator</td>
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<td>Estimated number of non-public water accesses*</td>
<td>158</td>
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*This number is based off of a survey of private docks that are utilized within the County.*
Appendix B

Public Accesses in Waseca County

Legend
- Carry-in Access
- Trailer Launch Access
- Fishing Pier
- Street Centerlines
- PWW Basin
- PWW Stream
- Townships
- Municipality

DISCLAIMER: This map is neither a final determination of future land use nor a guarantee of success. Waseca County is not liable for any claims, actions, or causes of action arising from the use of this map. It is for informational purposes only.

0 7,500 15,000 Feet
Appendix C

Potential Plan Participants

Table 4. Contacts for Entities that may Partner with Waseca County for Plan Implementation

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<th>Organization</th>
<th>Contact(s)</th>
<th>Role(s)</th>
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<td><strong>Federal Government:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>USACE – NRCS-</td>
<td>David Studenski, Noel Frank</td>
<td>Hydrologist, District Conservationist</td>
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<td><strong>State Government:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>MNDNR-</td>
<td>Allison Gamble/Dan Girolamo/Tina Wolbers, Kevin Ballman, Paul Davis/Justin Watkins, Jennifer Mocol-Johnson</td>
<td>Invasive Species Specialist/Hydrologist/AIS Prevention Planner, Agriculture Advisor, Le Sueur River/Cannon River Watershed Project Managers, Board Conservationist</td>
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<td>MDA-</td>
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<td>BWSR-</td>
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<td><strong>Neighboring Counties</strong></td>
<td>Blue Earth, Freeborn, Faribault, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele</td>
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<td><strong>Townships</strong></td>
<td>Alton, Blooming Grove, Byron, Freedom, Iosco, Janesville, New Richland, Otisco, St Mary, Vivian, Woodville, Wilton</td>
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<td><strong>Cities</strong></td>
<td>Janesville, New Richland, Waldorf, Waseca</td>
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<td><strong>Lake Associations</strong></td>
<td>Lake Elysian Association, Reeds Lake Association, St. Olaf Lake Association, Waseca Lakes Association</td>
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<td><strong>County Coalition of Lake Associations</strong></td>
<td>Waseca County Coalition of Lake Associations</td>
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<td><strong>Resorts and Campgrounds</strong></td>
<td>Cannon Gate Park, Kiesler's Campground &amp; RV Resort, Kamp Dels Campground, Reinbold Sportsmen Campground</td>
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<td><strong>Water Oriented Businesses</strong></td>
<td>Sportsman Stop</td>
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<td><strong>Chamber(s) of Commerce</strong></td>
<td>Janesville Chamber of Commerce, Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce, Waldorf Chamber of Commerce</td>
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<td>Youth Groups and Clubs</td>
<td>Boy Scouts, Brownies, Church Youth Groups, Cub Scouts, Future Farmers of America, Girl Scouts, 4-H</td>
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<td>High Schools</td>
<td>Janesville Waldorf Pemberton High School, New Richland-Hartland and Ellendale-Geneva High School, Sacred Heart School, Waseca Alternative School, Waseca High School, Waseca County Off Campus</td>
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<tr>
<td>Environmental Learning Centers</td>
<td>Southern Research and Outreach Southern Research and Outreach Center, Minnesota River Valley Audubon</td>
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<tr>
<td>Targeted Property Owners</td>
<td>Lake shore homeowners, producers, those who live near wetlands.</td>
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Appendix D

Prioritization of Water Bodies for Watercraft Inspection Program

**Action:** Continue inspection program to include a minimum of three Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors. Conduct 600 hours of inspections during the inspection season.

The County Watercraft Inspection Program began May of 2015, and focused on water bodies and accesses that were identified as priorities by the County. Prioritization was given to both heavily trafficked lakes and those with known infestations of AIS.

The prioritization scheme for 2017 is reflected below, based on: inspector to recreationist contact; the likelihood of facilitating AIS spread; and upholding non-infested waters.

**Table 5. Public Access Prioritization Scheme for Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors**

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<tr>
<th>Access</th>
<th>Water body</th>
<th>Infested?</th>
<th>Species</th>
<th>Priority Level</th>
<th>Inspection Times</th>
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<tr>
<td>South Public Access – Maplewood Park</td>
<td>Clear Lake</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Eurasian Milfoil</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Week days: Mid-morning to evening</td>
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<td>Weekends: Early morning to evening</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Access – St. Olaf Lake Park</td>
<td>St. Olaf</td>
<td>Not listed</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Weekdays: Mid-morning to evening</td>
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<td>Weekends: Early morning to evening</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Access</td>
<td>Reeds Lake</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Eurasian Milfoil</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Weekends</td>
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<tr>
<td>South Public Access – Lakeview Park</td>
<td>Lake Elysian</td>
<td>Not listed</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Weekends, if staffing allows</td>
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</table>
Waseca County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan

Appendix E

Copy of 2018 Delegation Agreement Between Waseca County and MNDNR for Inspection of Water-related Equipment

**Action:** Continue inspection program to include a minimum of three Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors. Conduct at minimum 600 hours of inspections during the inspection season.

**DELEGATION AGREEMENT**

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention

Inspection of Water-related Equipment

This agreement is made by and between the Department of Natural Resources (referred to as DNR), an administrative agency of the State of Minnesota and

Waseca County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (referred to as Governmental Unit), a local government unit (individually referred to generally as a Party or together as Parties). This agreement is entered into under authority granted to DNR pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105.

WHEREAS AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) are nonnative species that cause or may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health or threatens or may threaten natural resources or the use of natural resources in the state;

WHEREAS DNR has been authorized and charged with responsibility by the state legislature to establish a statewide program to prevent and manage the spread of AIS in coordination with other governmental entities; DNR has in its employ conservation officers trained and authorized to enforce the state invasive species laws; and DNR has developed AIS inspection protocols;

WHEREAS pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105, Subdivision 2(a), Governmental Unit is a Tribal or local government that agrees to assume legal, financial, and administrative responsibilities for inspection programs on some or all public waters within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS DNR and Governmental Unit are committed to the following three core principles:

• Coordination of their authority and resources to develop a reasonable and effective water-related equipment inspection requirement to stop the spread of AIS in the state and prevent the introduction of new AIS;

• a collaborative, cooperative approach to AIS management and prevention;

• ensuring continued access to public waters.

NOW, THEREFORE it is mutually agreed by and between the Parties as follows:

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this agreement is to enhance Minnesota’s capacity to prevent the spread of AIS by enabling local governmental entities to perform AIS inspections and manage access to water resources in keeping with the three principles stated above.

2. **TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

A. DNR or its delegate will provide training of individuals employed by Governmental Unit and/or individuals working for contractors to Governmental Unit as inspectors and, upon successful completion of training and testing requirements, the DNR will certify individuals as authorized inspectors in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105, subd. 2(a). DNR will assume all obligation for training to the extent set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105.
B. When requested by a law enforcement agency, DNR Enforcement will provide AIS training to licensed peace officers.

C. Governmental Unit will work with their local city and county law enforcement to ensure that local licensed peace officers are available to support Governmental Unit inspectors. Governmental Unit inspectors shall utilize local city and county law enforcement agencies as their primary law enforcement support when inspection stations are operated. DNR Conservation Officers may assist with support if a local agency officer is unavailable and there is an egregious violation.

D. Governmental Unit will design and implement an AIS inspection program, detailed in a Watercraft Inspection Program Plan, which must be approved by DNR, on some or all public waters within their jurisdiction utilizing existing authorities and the authority granted to inspectors under Minnesota Statutes sections 84D.105, subd. 2(b) and 84D.10, subd. 3(a), clauses 1, 3, and 4 (the Program). The program must comply with all requirements in Minnesota Statutes section 84D.105 and in DNR Watercraft Inspection Program procedures and manuals.

E. Governmental Unit will designate individuals employed by the Governmental Unit and/or individuals working for contractors to Governmental Unit to serve as inspectors for the Program and ensure that these individuals complete the required training and certification in paragraph 2A of this agreement prior to performing inspections. Governmental Unit will help coordinate training of licensed peace officers as provided under paragraph 2B of this agreement.

F. Governmental Unit will provide one or more inspection stations established under the Program with trained and certified inspectors, who will exercise inspection authorities in accordance with current DNR procedures and manuals. General inspection procedures include:
   i. Visually and tactilely inspecting water-related equipment to determine whether aquatic invasive species, aquatic macrophytes, or water is present;
   ii. Instructing persons on how to comply with AIS laws by removing AIS, draining, decontaminating, or treating AIS and water-related equipment to prevent the transportation and spread of aquatic invasive species, aquatic macrophytes, and water;
   iii. Issuing verbal orders to prohibit placing water-related equipment, that has AIS attached or water that has not been drained, into waters of the state;
   iv. With owner’s consent, assisting with the removal of AIS and decontamination of water-related equipment; and
   v. Contacting local law enforcement or Conservation Officers if a person transporting watercraft or water-related equipment refuses to take corrective actions to remove AIS or fails to comply with requirements to drain water prior to leaving the water access.

G. Governmental Unit will support education and outreach projects and programs designed to increase public awareness and knowledge of the risks AIS pose to water resources and public capacity to contribute to the effort to prevent and manage the spread of AIS.

H. Governmental Unit assumes legal, financial, and administrative responsibilities for their staff and/or individuals working for contractors and the actions of their staff/contractors and will bear costs incurred in completing the tasks and responsibilities herein, except that DNR will provide, at its sole expense, staff and/or contracted professionals to coordinate and conduct the training described herein.

I. Governmental Unit and DNR will regularly meet or consult with each other to collaboratively develop the above-described elements of Governmental Unit AIS Program and potential models that could be used by other local government entities to help prevent the spread of AIS, guided by the three core principles stated above.

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Delegation Agreement
1. Governmental Unit must submit an End-of-Season Watercraft Inspection Report to the DNR summarizing the results and issues related to implementing the inspection program.

3. LIABILITY. Each Party to this agreement shall be liable for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other party, its agents, volunteers or employees. It is understood and agreed that liability and damages arising from the Parties’ acts and omissions are governed by the provisions of the Municipal Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466, the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes section 3.736, and other applicable laws.

4. TERM AND TERMINATION. The agreement becomes effective on the date of final signature. This agreement expires on December 31, 2018. The agreement may be terminated with or without cause by 30-day written notice to the other Party.

5. ENTIRED AGREEMENT. This agreement supersedes any prior or contemporaneous representations or agreements, whether written or oral, between DNR and Governmental Unit, and contains the entire agreement with regard to the subject matter herein.

6. AMENDMENTS. This agreement may be amended only by the mutual consent of the Parties in writing, signed by each of the Parties.

7. NOTICE. Any written communication required under this agreement will be addressed to the other Party as follows, except that any Party may change its representative and/or address for notice by so notifying the other Party in writing:

   **To DNR:**
   Watercraft Inspection Program Coordinator
   Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
   500 Lafayette Road, Box 25
   St. Paul MN 55155-4025

   **To Governmental Unit:**
   Name/Title: Mark Leiferman
   Governmental Unit: Waseca County
   Address: 307 North State Street
   Address: Waseca, MN 56093

8. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE. This agreement will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

9. WAIVERS. The waiver by DNR or Governmental Unit of any breach or failure to comply with any provision of this agreement by the other Party will not be construed as nor will it constitute a continuing waiver of such provision or a waiver of any other breach of or failure to comply with any other provision of this agreement.
Appendix F

2018 Waseca County Expenditures of Local AIS Prevention Aid

Waseca County was awarded a total of $47,332 in Local AIS Prevention Aid dollars in 2018*. These funds were used towards accomplishing action activities listed in the 2018 AIS Prevention Plan, including: increased coverage of watercraft inspections across County lakes; development and implementation of a Request for Proposal to use Local AIS Prevention Aid; and participation in various educational outreach events.

Table 6. Local AIS Prevention Aid Spending Summary (2018)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prevention Activity</th>
<th>Action Supported in 2018 County AIS Plan</th>
<th>Action Supported in State Plan</th>
<th>Total Funds Spent*</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Certification of four Level 1 watercraft inspectors. Over 800 hours of inspections logged on Waseca County lakes.</td>
<td>Continue inspection program to include a minimum of three Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors. Conduct a minimum of 600 hours of inspections during the inspection season. Update DNR delegation agreement for 2019 inspection season.</td>
<td>Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Containment – Public Awareness</td>
<td>$10,868 (not including delegation update)</td>
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<td>2. Partnership with the DNR to assist with funding installation and operation of an electric fish barrier on Mayhew Creek, which directly contributes to Lake Elysian and the Le Sueur River.</td>
<td>Implement electric fish barriers on identified high priority pathways of invasive fish species.</td>
<td>Prevention – Research and Technologies</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<td>3. Posted informational brochures at heavily frequented lakes of Clear, Reeds, St. Olaf, and Lake Elysian.</td>
<td>Work with the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers campaign to strengthen awareness of AIS issues in Waseca County.</td>
<td>Early Detection, Rapid Response, and Containment – Public Awareness</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>Prevention Activity</td>
<td>Action Supported in 2018 County AIS Plan</td>
<td>Action Supported in State Plan</td>
<td>Total Funds Spent*</td>
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<td>4. Staff participation (Watercraft Inspectors and Water Resource Specialist) in the 2018 Waseca County Free Fair.</td>
<td>Develop curricula for schools and informal education materials for events, such as Waseca County’s fair, to support youth education about AIS.</td>
<td>Prevention – Public Awareness</td>
<td>$980.46</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Participated in University of Minnesota invasive species workshop.</td>
<td>Develop and maintain contacts with other local organizations, businesses and government entities.</td>
<td>Leadership and Coordination – Local</td>
<td>$258.88</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Tailored Prevention Plan towards County Program expansion. Updated Waseca County AIS Prevention Plan.</td>
<td>Evaluate AIS prevention efforts and cooperative relationships for possible improvements.</td>
<td>Management of Invasive Species – Coordination/Communication</td>
<td>$262.86</td>
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<td>8. Developed local Request for Proposal to award $5,800 for actions supporting this plan. Awarded the Waseca Lakes Association $2,500 for chemical treatment of 21.77 acres of curly-leaf pondweed. Awarded Reeds Lake Association $3,200 for chemical treatment of 12.5 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil.</td>
<td>Develop annual request for proposal to award $5,000 of County Prevention Aid to cities, lake associations, schools, non-profit organizations, or management agencies for actions supporting this plan.</td>
<td>Leadership and Coordination – Local</td>
<td>$6,358.2</td>
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*The total funds spent are based on the financial data provided in the document.
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<th>Prevention Activity</th>
<th>Action Supported in 2017 County AIS Plan</th>
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<tr>
<td>9. Continued partnership with Waseca Lakes Association and the Tri-County Coalition of Lake Associations.</td>
<td>Develop and maintain contacts with other local organizations, businesses, and government entities to coordinate efforts.</td>
<td>Leadership and Coordination - Local</td>
<td>$355.96</td>
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<td>11. Communicated DNR law enforcement training opportunity to local law enforcement.</td>
<td>Ensure that the County’s peace officers, including water safety patrol staff, have been trained to enforce AIS laws.</td>
<td>Prevention – Enforcement</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>12. Periodically discussed local AIS prevention efforts in with water planning authorities in various counties including Le Sueur, Steele and Blue Earth.</td>
<td>Develop and maintain contacts with other local organizations, businesses, and government entities to coordinate efforts.</td>
<td>Leadership and Coordination - Local</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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*Distribution schedule allocates Local Prevention Aid according to County Payment Schedule (MN Statutes 477A.015) – 50% of total awarded funds on July 20, 2018 and 50% of total awarded funds on December 26, 2018. Spending summary table reflects awarded funds used from January 1, 2018 to November 29, 2018.
Appendix G

2019 Projected Use of Local AIS Prevention Aid

The below table is a projected budget for how Waseca County state granted Local Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid will be utilized in 2019.

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<th>Waseca County 2019 AIS Budget</th>
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<td>Inspections</td>
<td>Waterfront Restorations* $36,000.00</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Materials $2,200.00</td>
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<td>Public Outreach</td>
<td>County Fair $2,500.00</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>County AIS Coordinator $4,000.00</td>
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<td>Innovative Solutions</td>
<td>County RFP $6,000.00</td>
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<td>Innovative Solutions</td>
<td>Electric Fish Barrier $2,500.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$53,200.00</strong></td>
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Appendix H

Resolution to Adopt Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and Further Responsibility of Plan Implementation by Waseca County Planning and Zoning

Resolution No. 2018-32

Resolution to Adopt Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and Further Responsibility of Plan Implementation by Waseca County Planning & Zoning

Whereas, 2014 Session Law Chapter 308 enacted by the Legislature provides Minnesota counties a County Program Aid grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. The amount designated for each county is based on the number of watercraft trailer launches as well as the number of watercraft trailer parking spaces within each county. Waseca County was allocated $22,604 for 2014, $50,230 for 2015, $50,029 for 2016, $47,744 for 2017, $47,332 for 2018 and $47,286 for 2019 with potential funding for years following, and

Whereas, the legislation requires that Waseca County must establish, by resolution or through adoption of a plan, guidelines for the use of the proceeds which are to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county, and

Whereas, the County may appropriate the proceeds directly or may use any portion of the proceeds to provide funding for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a soil and water conservation district in the county, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located in the county. Any money appropriated by the county to a different entity or political subdivision must be used as required under this section, and

Whereas, the county must submit a copy of its guidelines for the use of the proceeds to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources by December 31st of the year the payments are received, and

Whereas, prevention and limitation of Aquatic Invasive Species is one of the top three priority concerns identified to be included in the Waseca County Water Plan Update. The County Water Plan also includes Minnesota State’s goal that the County provide leadership and in the fight against aquatic invasive species by developing proactive solutions aimed at educating and empowering local citizens to assist in these efforts.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Waseca County Board of Commissioners furthers oversight of Waseca County's AIS prevention efforts to the Waseca County Planning & Zoning Department and delegates to them the responsibility to prepare, implement and report annually, a plan to allocate the funding in accordance with the above legislation, and

Be it Further Resolved, that Waseca County adopts Waseca County's Invasive Species Prevention Plan as attached and as presented at the County Board of Commissioners' meeting of December 6, 2018.

Adopted by Waseca County on this 6th day of December, 2018 and effective on date of adoption.

__________________________
Blair Nelson, Chairman
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Tamara J. Spooner, County Auditor - Treasurer