# Calumet County AIS Education, Prevention and Planning Project #AEPP- 382- 13

## **Final Report**

From January 2013 through April 2016 the Calumet County aquatic invasive species (AIS) program conducted education, prevention and planning activities to control and prevent the spread of AIS into and out of Calumet County lakes.

The AIS Coordinator (AISC) worked with governmental agencies to increase their education on AIS monitoring and prevention. The AISC provided updated information and educational materials to a number of Calumet County departments, including Land and Water Conservation, Planning and Zoning, Parks and the Highway Department. The front office at High Cliff State Park, one of the six busiest State Parks in Wisconsin, was stocked and regularly refilled with brochures, Wild Cards and Watch Cards which were available to both staff and visitors. The outreach to governmental agencies did not stop at the Calumet County lines, but also involved AIS monitoring training for the Land and Water Conservation Department of Fond du Lac County. Outreach to Land and Water Departments continued with a booth for the three day statewide WI Land & Water Conference in Elkhart Lake in 2016. The AISC provided an AIS presentation to the Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association meeting in Oshkosh, including representatives from Calumet, Marquette, Waushara, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Adams, Winnebago, Green Lake and Waupaca counties. Beyond the county departments, the AISC had a discussion about AIS on April 16, 2014, with representatives from the Towns of Brothertown, Stockbridge, and Harrison, Villages of Sherwood and Harrison, and the City of Menasha.

The AISC was invited to speak at a meeting coordinated by the Winnebago system Warden Supervisor in 2013. Attendees included regional personnel from the Coast Guard, regional Wardens, Water Guards and Sheriffs. There has been regular communication with the Calumet County wardens, occasionally coordinating education and enforcement at fishing tournaments. The AISC made reports to the wardens about violations and at least one of them led to a citation being issued. The Water Guards have been a very helpful partner as well. They held a Decontamination Demonstration at High Cliff State Park on June 26, 2015, as well as a Water Guard Group Check, with Decontamination efforts taking place at multiple launches, including Stockbridge Harbor on July 11, 2015. Stockbridge had the highest number of contacts that day, including the Calumet County Sheriff's Department Boat Patrol!



The AISC and interns attended quite a few fishing tournaments in an effort to focus the AIS educational message on this important target audience. We learned that when the water is really rough, it's windy and there's a cold rain or drizzle, do not try to chat with the anglers when they come off the water. That happened a few times. It was more productive to educate them in nice weather, and we did at the Bobbers Tournament in 2013 and 2015; the Law Enforcement Fishing Tournament in 2013, 2014 and 2015; Outpost Fishing Tournament in 2013; Sheboygan Walleye Club Tournament on Winnebago in 2013; the Quinney Sheepshead Tournament in 2013, 2014, and 2015; Stockbridge Walleye Tournament 2014 and 2015; and the Neighborhood Bar and Grill Fishing Tournament in 2014. We spoke with the anglers, captured data for SWIMS, handed out ice packs and towels to many and for the Bobbers tournaments, we gave them bobbers.



The Clean Boat Clean Waters interns participated in the Warden and Water Guard Group Checks, the Drain Campaign, and the Landing Blitz. The AISC and CBCW interns put in more than 1,000 hours on the Calumet County boat launches, speaking with 9,500 people during the period of this grant. All data acquired during CBCW activities was recorded into SWIMS, the State's online Watercraft Inspection Database.



During this grant period, many volunteers were trained on identification and control of invasive species. There were workdays each year removing purple loosestrife from wetlands near the Brillion Wildlife Area. Some workdays were canceled due to weather, as expected. The old "tool box" of pruners and loppers were used. The real shift in training and monitoring came about with the introduction of the River Alliance AIS Bridge Snapshot Day program in 2014. For that, a new "tool kit" was needed. Funds were donated by the Winnebago Lakes Council, the Lake Winnebago Quality Improvement Association (LWQIA), and the Isaac Walton League for the purchase of aquatic nets, scoops, buckets, rakes and materials for aqua view scopes. Many were needed for the 73 volunteers who participated in the event in 2014. The AISC partnered with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA), LWQIA, Calumet County Groundwater Guardians and others to recruit volunteers for this event. The AISC trained trainers and volunteers who set out to monitor for AIS at 72 predetermined sites from Green Bay to Appleton to Chilton to Fond du Lac to Omro. Samples were collected and turned in to the Calumet Co. AISC. Review of the materials took place with the AIS monitoring specialists at the WDNR Plymouth Service Center. Voucher specimens were sent to the DNR for entry into SWIMS. We participated in this event again in 2015, training 64 volunteers, although the number was down from 2014 all the sites were still covered. Again, materials were reviewed by DNR AIS specialists out of the Green Bay office and nearly 20 vouchered specimens were sent in for entry into SWIMS. AIS Bridge Snapshot Day took more time for planning and implementation than anticipated, but we well worth the effort as we now have a much better picture of the distribution of AIS, and faucet snails in particular, throughout the Winnebago System. \*Special note: One of the volunteers who was trained to monitor for AIS for Snapshot Day is the individual who first found and identified Water Hyacinth in Winneconne in Oct., 2015. It worked!

The nets, buckets, aqua view scopes, rakes and identification materials assembled for Snapshot Day were stored at the offices of FWWA. The tools were used for summer school programs held by the Fox River Environmental Education Alliance during the summer of 2014. Additionally, AIS Outreach Specialist Kaci Baillies used the tools for outreach with school groups during the summer of 2015.



The Calumet County AIS program has a close working relationship with the county Surface and Groundwater Specialist, Dani Santry. We collaborate and discuss AIS, the CALMAN project, and the Winnebago Waterways project regularly. We run ideas by each other and do whatever we can to help support each other's projects and events. Dani and her Groundwater Guardians participated in AIS Bridge Snapshot Day, training her water quality monitors to also look for AIS while doing their sampling. It's a strong and fluid partnership. Onterra did a survey of the CALMAN lakes and mapped the pioneer population of curly leaf pondweed, which is largely rimming the riparian area of Round Lake. We strive to work together and not duplicate efforts.

The AISC wrote and submitted dozens of press releases, newsletter articles, and posts for blogs and Facebook. Four articles were published in the statewide publication On Wisconsin Outdoors. Many articles were published in organizational newsletters, such as those produced by the Winnebago Lakes Council, the Manitowoc County Lakes Association, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, and Lake Winnebago Quality Improvement Association. Information on our Waterfowl Hunter survey was included on the blog post of On Wisconsin Outdoors and in the emailed newsletter of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association. The newsletter "Webfoot News" produced by Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited also published an article on AIS. Many articles were published about Snapshot days and the finding of water hyacinth in Winneconne, but were also included on the e-newsletter of FWWA, "The Source", and the Facebook page of the Butte des Morts Conservation Club. Articles were sent to regional newspapers such of the Appleton Post Crescent, Fond du Lac Reporter, Oshkosh Northwestern, Chilton Times Journal, The Brillion News, and Tri-County News for many events, such as decontamination demonstrations, the Landing Blitz, calls for volunteers and more. Most were detailed in my annual reports.

During this grant period, the Calumet County AISC built many partnerships attending meetings and events with local and regional fishing, sporting and waterfowl hunting clubs. These include, but are not limited to, the Quinney Fishing Club, OxBow Sportsman's Club, Brillion Conservation Club, St. Anna Hunting Club, Winnebago/Eastshore Conservation Club, Brothertown Fishing Club, Potoul Sportsman's Club, New Holstein Outdoors, Brickyard Fishing Club, Lower Cliff Fishing Club, Outagamie Pheasants Forever, Walleyes for Tomorrow, and Trout Unlimited (both Lakeshore and Central WI chapters). For waterfowl hunter outreach, the AISC attended and exhibited at the Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters Conference, Ducks Unlimited State Convention in Green Bay and DU chapters from Brillion, De Pere, Green Bay, Kaukauna, Winnegamie, and Fox Valley. Wisconsin Waterfowl Association events included one held at Wild Wings Hunt Club in Fond du Lac as well as events for chapters from the Fox Valley, Chilton, and Sheboygan. The AISC provided AIS education and outreach at large scale events such as the Northeast Wisconsin Sport Fishin' Show and the Mills Fleet Farm Outdoor Sports Show in the Lambeau Atrium. Many other outreach opportunities are detailed in my annual reports.

This report is only a summary of the education, outreach and monitoring that the Calumet County AIS program was involved in from Jan 2013- April 2016. It was a challenging time with the finding of round gobies in Little Lake Butte des Morts and water hyacinth in Winneconne, both in 2015. More and continual work needs to be done to educate and remind people to prevent the spread of AIS.

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# 2014 Reimbursement Request Outreach

## **Highlights**

In 2014 the Calumet County AIS Coordinator attended meetings and events with many local sporting and fishing clubs, including Quinney Fishing Club, OxBow Sportsman Club, Brillion Conservation Club, St. Anna Hunting Club, Winnebago/Eastshore Conservation Club, Brothertown Fishing Club, Potoul Sportsman Club, New Holstein Outdoors, Brickyard Fishing Club, Lower Cliff Fishing Club, Outagamie Pheasants Forever, Walleyes for Tomorrow, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association- Fox Valley, Chilton, and Campbellsport Chapters, Ducks Unlimited-De Pere and Green Bay Chapters, Trout Unlimited Lakeshore Chapter, Taking Wing Stewardship, Brillion Boss Toms and others.

## **Events**

Ducks Unlimited, State Convention, Jan. 23-25, Green Bay.

Pheasant Fest, National Convention, Feb. Feb. 14-16, Milwaukee. Partnered with Steve Klock (AISC Sheboygan) for this double booth on invasive species. 21,000 people attended and we were busy. Good outreach.

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Chilton Chapter, Feb. 22, Brant.

Northeast Wisconsin Sport Fishin' Show, Feb. 28-March 2, Appleton.

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Fox Valley Chapter, March 27, Darboy.

Trout Unlimited, Lakeshore Chapter, March 29, Manitowoc.

Ducks Unlimited, Sportsman's Night Out, April 10, Brillion.

Sundae on the Farm, June 29, Dundas. Great weather, turn out nearly 1,000!

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Wild Wings Hunt Club, July 25-27, Campbellsport.

Provided AIS outreach at Wisconsin Waterfowl Event, July 30, Wrightstown.

Outdoor Skills Day, Aug. 9, Horicon Marsh.

Ducks Unlimited Waterfowl Hunters Party, Green Bay Chapter, August 14, Green Bay.

Mills Fleet Farm Sports Show, Lambeau Atrium, Aug. 14-16, Green Bay.

Waterfowl Classic Event, Cabela's, Aug. 16, Green Bay.

Ducks Unlimited, De Pere Chapter, Sept. 10, De Pere.

AIS Bridge Snapshot Day, Sept. 13, coordinated regional efforts of 73 volunteers at 72 sites throughout the Winnebago system.

## Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Calumet County continues to have an effective Clean Boat/Clean Water (CB/CW) program. In 2014 the interns spoke with 3,180 boaters/anglers with 1,938 boats during the 368 hours they were on the launches in the county.

Participated in monthly conference calls regarding revisions to the CB/CW program for 2014. The program returned to being primarily educational with less emphasis on data collection.

Because of the change in the CB/CW program, the Special Project for data collection was developed. Calumet County provided 3/5ths of the data needed for the Winnebago system to Erin McFarlane.

Participated in numerous Watercraft Inspection Conference calls to report for this region.

Assisted with interviews for CB/CW interns for U.W. Oshkosh, March 31, Oshkosh.

Attended the Train the Trainer meeting, March 9, Stevens Point.

Participated in Clean Boat training for U.W.Oshkosh interns, April 16, Oshkosh.

Presented AIS Outreach program to U.W. Oshkosh interns, May 14, Oshkosh.

Partnered with U.W. Oshkosh CB/CW interns to ensure AIS education at regional events such as Kids Fishing program in Omro, Kids Fishing programs at Walleye Weekend in Fond du Lac, Kids Fisheree for Otter Street Fishing Club, and the Oshkosh Farmers Market.

#### **Tournaments**

Stockbridge Walleye Tournament, May 31, Stockbridge, 100 boats.

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Calumet Co. Law Enforcement Fishing Tournament, June 10, Stockbridge.

Neighborhood Bar and Grill Fishing Tournament, June 28, Stockbridge.

Quinney Fishing Club Sheepshead Tournament, August 9, Quinney, 100 boats.

Attempted to attend other tournaments, but it's not a positive experience for anyone when weather is nasty.

#### Kids Fishing Days

Kid's Fishing Clinic, April 11, New Holstein High School. First year of this event with 45 youths plus parents which included "How to Fish" Clinic by Greg Karch, National Professional Anglers Association (NPAA).

Lil' Anglers Fishing for Fun, Sponsored by Lower Cliff Sportsman's Club, May 10, Kaukauna. 160 youths plus parents, including "How to Fish" Clinic by Greg Karch, (NPAA).

Kids Fishing Event, Sponsored by Heckrodt Wetland Reserve in partnership with "A Fish Tale and More", June 7, Jefferson Park, Menasha. Great annual event for 175 youths with parents fishing from the shore of Jefferson Park.

Kids Fishing Day, June 7, High Cliff State Park, Sherwood 45 attendees, including the "How to Fish" clinic by Greg Karch, (NPAA).

"Kids Wish for Fish", Brickyard Fishing Club, June 8, Calumet County Park. Fourteen youths accompanied by an adult guardian were taken out on Lake Winnebago by volunteers with boats and gear. One youth with guardian per boat.

#### Meetings

Calumet County Sportsman's Conservation Alliance meetings, at Brillion Conservation Club, Winnebago East Shore Sportsman's Club, Lower Cliff Fishing Club. Representatives from eleven Calumet County sportsman's clubs attend each of the meetings.

AIS discussion with representatives from the Towns of Brothertown, Stockbridge, and Harrison, Villages of Sherwood and Harrison, and the City of Menasha, April 16, Harrison. Each representative received AIS materials, "Invaders of the Great Lakes" books, and an offer to come and present more information to their town boards and residents.

AlS meeting with Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA), April 22, Little Chute. The meeting was about how the Winnebago system AlS outreach program and FWWA could partner to expand our outreach.

Spring AIS Coordinators meeting, May 7-8, Stevens Point.

Winnebago Warden Group Check gathering, May 23, Oshkosh.

Winnebago AIS Monitoring Coordination meetings, May 23 and Sept. 29, Oshkosh.

Met with Representative AI Ott to discuss funding for AIS and about upcoming NR40 revision, May 30, Forest Junction.

AIS Coordination with Waterfowl Hunters meeting with Kaycie Stushek, Christal Campbell and Patrice Eyers, June 17, Stevens Point. This meeting launched our Waterfowl Hunter Outreach, development of signage for Meade/McMillan, and creation of a survey of waterfowl hunters about their movements and knowledge of AIS.

Multiple meetings with Winnebago Lakes Council, Lake Winnebago Quality Improvement Assoc., Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance, and Calumet County Groundwater Guardians about AIS Bridge Snapshot Day, planning, fundraising, equipment and implementation.

Met with wetland team from WDNR lead by Pat Trochlell to assess Glyceria maxima situation in Calumet County, July 1, Hilbert.

Met with Laura MacFarland, Laura Herman and Maureen Ferry about monitoring protocols and equipment for AIS Bridge Snapshot Day, July 18, Rhinelander. They provided the program with boxes of equipment, scoops and nets.

Met with Dan Bahr regarding preparation of issue paper for funding for invasive species for the Wisconsin Counties Association, July 31, Madison and September 9<sup>th</sup>, Chilton.

Meeting with new County Executive to discuss the county AIS program and what the program needs moving forward.

Laura Herman and Amy Thorstenson meeting re: funding and AIS specimens, Aug. 24, Stevens Point.

Provided Phragmites materials to Northeast Region WDNR Phragmites technician and coordinated his outreach to waterfowl hunters Aug. 4, Greenleaf.

AIS Coordination meeting for Winnebago Waterways, Oct. 27, Fond du Lac.

Fall AIS Coordinator meetings, Nov. 5, Stevens Point.

AIS Grant meeting with Ted Johnson, Nov. 12, Oshkosh.

Met with Planning, Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Committee about the AIS program in Calumet County. The committee requested that I come back to them in early 2015 with ideas for wash stations at the boat launches for consideration for the 2016 budget. Dec. 3, Chilton.

Conference call coordinated by Kelly Kearns for the purpose of reaching out to CISMA/CWMA organizations statewide. I attended the call because of LISMA, but also to provide information on the AIS program, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, December 16.

## **Trainings**

Hunter Safety Class, Oxbow Sportsman's Club, March 19, Hilbert, 15 students plus adults.

Learn to Hunt, Brillion Boss Tom's, Triple J Wing and Clay, April 4, Brillion, 40 students plus mentors, in partnership with Taking Wing Stewardship.

AIS Education for Fox River Environmental Education Charter School, 101 students, at Fox River Environmental Education Alliance facility, Sept. 23, Appleton.

Learn to Hunt, Oxbow Sportsman's Club, Sept. 27, Hilbert, 14 students plus mentors.

Invasive plant I.D. training with Patrick Miller, Kaci Baillies and Erin McFarlane. Plants were cut.

#### **Organizations**

Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area (LISMA): The strategic plan is complete and the 2015-2019 work plan has been finalized. The organization continues to seek funding through grants, foundations, and organizations. LISMA is working under the umbrella of the 501c3 for Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership

(LNRP). The Calumet County AISC served a second year on the Board of Directors for LNRP in 2014 and served as a conduit to the steering team of LISMA. For additional information on LISMA, visit <a href="https://www.lisma.net">www.lisma.net</a>

Winnebago Lakes Council (WLC): The Calumet County AISC rejoined the Board of Directors for WLC to act as a liaison between the Winnebago Waterways Steering Team and the WLC. As a member of the WLC Monitoring Committee, this facilitated their financial participation in AIS Bridge Snapshot day. The WLC newsletter has also proven to be a useful tool for updating and educating residents and members about current AIS issues.

Winnebago Waterways Steering Team continued to work on developing ideas for coordination of work around the Winnebago System. The Calumet County AISC continued to participate in these meetings to ensure accurate representation of AIS information. We held meetings specific to developing a consistent AIS program for the system. This resulted in the majority of the Steering Team agreeing to have East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission write an AIS grant for 2015. The grant was not funded.

The Calumet County AISC is on the Board of Directors of the *Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin*. The invitation was offered because they wanted someone involved in AIS on their board. This has provided the opportunity for increased education on AIS issues by IPAW, see newsletter articles listed below.

The Calumet County AISC was asked to contact Dan Bahr with the *Wisconsin Counties Association* to discuss invasive species. Working together, we developed an Issue Paper to present consideration for increased funding for invasive species for the upcoming budget.

Partnered with Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance. They were provided with 200 AIS kids packets for their River Clean-up of the Fox River from Neenah and Menasha through Green Bay. FWWA also distributed AIS information and additional packets at a variety of outreach locations including six sections of 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade summer students, 127 youths, in De Pere; Appleton Area Parks and Rec. Summer camp, 8 weeks, 240 youths; Greenville Catfish Extravaganza; Green Bay Bullfrog's game; and Farmer's Markets in Oshkosh (twice), Fond du Lac, Neenah, and Kaukauna. FWWA also helped enormously with the planning and execution of AIS Bridge Snapshot Day. This has been a great pairing and we look forward to expanding our partnering in 2015.

Partnered with *The River Alliance of Wisconsin* to participate in AIS Bridge Snapshot Day. A group of us decided it would be fun to train lots of volunteers to identify AIS and to get a snapshot of the distribution of AIS around the Winnebago system. The AIS Coordinators for Fond du Lac and Calumet Counties developed partnerships with FWWA, Winnebago Lakes Council, Lake Winnebago Quality Improvement Association, Isaac Walton League, Calumet County Groundwater Guardians and others for AIS Bridge Snapshot Day. We raised money, built aqua view scopes, double sided rakes and hand scoops. We bought buckets, nets and other tools. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, we trained 73 volunteers who went to predetermined sites and took samples from 72 sites from Omro, Winneconne, Oshkosh, along Winnebago south to Fond du Lac, Calumet County and along the Fox River from Neenah through Green Bay. Our efforts accounted for nearly one half of the sites and one half of the volunteers for this River Alliance event. Success.

## **Publications & Press Releases**

Pre-landing blitz interview by Fox News from Green Bay at High Cliff State Park boat launch, July 3, Sherwood.

"LISMA: Regional Invasive Species Team Grows!" Lakeshore Natural Resource Network newsletter, Winter, 2014, p. 5.

"Why Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers? How you are affected," On Wisconsin Outdoors, Jan./Feb. 2014, p. 8.

"Why Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers?," Manitowoc County Lakes Association newsletter, 2014, p.3 & 7.

"Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker Partner in Action", Invasive Plant Association of Wisconsin newsletter, Issue 40, May, 2014, p. 3-4.

"Clean Boat Clean Waters Refresher", IPAW newsletter, Issue 40, May 2014, p. 6.

"Kids Don't Float: New program helps keep boaters safe," On Wisconsin Outdoors, May/June, p. 10.

"Drain Campaign" press release localized and sent to both the Appleton Post Crescent and The Oshkosh Northwestern, June 9.

"Area Man Honored for Work in Attacking Invasive Species, Herald Times Reporter, June 30.

"Greg Karch, angler educator, Update from the Field," On Wisconsin Outdoors, July/August, p. 6.

"Kids Don't Float", On Wisconsin Outdoors, July/August, p. 11

"Waterfowl Hunter Survey," On Wisconsin Outdoors, blog posting, Aug. 1, 2014

"Waterfowl Hunters: We need your help!" IPAW newsletter, Issue 41, August, 2014, p. 4.

Four articles, "Why Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers," "Free Fishing Basics Seminar," "Lakes funded for Clean Boats Clean Waters," "AIS Advice for waterfowl hunters," WaterWays, Volume 9, number 1, Spring, 2014.

Three articles, "September 13 is AIS Bridge Snapshot Day: Help gather data for the Winnebago system", "Shoreland monitoring handbook available", and "Handbook co-author documents banded mystery snail in the Winnebago system", WaterWays, Volume 9, number 2, Summer 2014.

"Waterfowl Hunters and AIS", Wisconsin Waterfowl Association newsletter, September, 2014.

"Waterfowl Hunters and AIS: We Need Your Help! Halting the spread of invasive species," On Wisconsin Outdoors, Sept/October, 2014, p. 8.

"Waterfowl Hunters and Invasive Species", <u>The Webfoot News</u>, Wisconsin Ducks Unlimited newsletter, Volume 1, issue 3, November, p. 7.

"Waterfowl Hunters and AIS", E-newsletter, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, September issue.

"Don't Dump Plants- A Simple Reminder," IPAW newsletter, Issue 42, Nov. 2014, p. 5.

Invasive Plant Association of Wisconsin facebook page postings. "Don't Dump Plants" received 944 hits, "Slow the Spread by Sole and Tread", 69 hits.

"AIS Snapshot Day", Calumet Conservator, Winter, 2014, p. 5.

Assisted with writing and editing of monthly newspaper press releases by LISMA which were sent to all newspapers in Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Calumet, and Kewaunee Counties. Topics included invasive species, best management practices to prevent the spread of invasive species, LISMA meetings, and AIS Bridge Snapshot Day.

#### Miscellaneous

Wrote successful Invader Crusader Award Nomination for Tom Ward, AIS Coordinator for Manitowoc County Lakes Association.

Presented at Lakes Convention on "AIS Partnering with Law Enforcement", April 14-15, Stevens Point, WI

Attended the Organisms in the Trade Symposium, sponsored by Sea Grant, June 3, Milwaukee

Ice Your Catch weekend, distribution of ice packs at all Calumet County launches, June 14-15

Participated in Landing Blitz at all Winnebago launches in Calumet County, July 4-5.

Enhanced AIS informational display in office of High Cliff State Park, adding wild card holders and more brochures to their slatwall.

Presented at Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference on "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Using the campaign in the field" Oct. 21, Duluth, MN.

Presentation for Winnebago Lakes Council Annual Meeting on "AIS Coordination and Partnerships Around the Winnebago System", Nov. 5, Winneconne.

Assisted with final draft and poster for Citizen Monitoring Grant "A Citizen-Based Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Protocol for Wisconsin Shorelines" developed by Shannon Davis-Foust. Helped promote the new tool through press releases and newsletter articles.

#### **Awards**

Received a gift membership from the River Alliance of Wisconsin in recognition of my efforts for their AIS Bridge Snapshot Day.