

LMPN Cooperative Agreement Reporting Form
 Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Sauk Counties
 Upper Sugar River Watershed Association
 Jasmine Wyant
 Calendar Year 2025

DNR AIS Biologist: Shelby Adler

CLMN Coordinator, if applicable:

Report Type: Choose an item.

Time period covered by report: 1/1/2025 to 12/31/25

2025 completed in blue

After you share your report with the DNR AIS Biologist and it is approved, attach report to the SWIMS LMPN Grant project as a document.

A. General Purpose

This reporting tool will be used as a final report for 2025 and may be used semi-annually based on the agreed upon reporting schedule by the County or their Designated Agent and their WDNR Grant Coordinator. It is understood that some grantees do not cover each of the items listed below and that which portions you answer will be based on your agreement.

B. Coverage

This report covers the LMPN activities agreed to for Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Sauk Counties for the period noted above. If multiple Counties are being covered in the grant agreement, a single report is allowed. Note any differences in the work agreed to by each County the report covers by adding additional text as necessary.

C. Services Performed

Attended trainings or view training videos for AIS Coordinators:

		Date of training attended
Y	Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) training	5/21
Y	Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN) training	3/11
Y	Purple loosestrife biocontrol training	2/28
Y	Attended Snapshot Day annual Site Leader training or viewed recording.	5/2
Y	Reviewed training videos for Project RED	4/8
Y	AIS Early Detection Monitoring training	6/10

Additional trainings attended, if applicable:

- 2/26/25 Aquatic Plant ID Workshop at the Wisconsin Wetlands Association conference with Paul Skawinski.
- 2/28/25 Purple Loosestrife Beetle Rearing Training Webinar.
- 3/11/25 LMPN Training overview for new partners.

- 3/12/25 Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Refresher Webinar.
- 3/26/25 -3/28/25 Attended and participated in workshops at the Lakes and Rivers Conference: Macroinvertebrate ID workshop at the WI Lakes and Rivers Conference.
- 4/8/25 SWIMS Tips and Tricks Training Webinar.
- 4/1/25 AIS Program Overview for LMPN Partners.
- 4/8/25 Project RED Train the Trainer.
- 5/2/25 Snapshot Day Site Leader Training.
- 5/21/25 Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspector Training.
- 6/10/25 – 6/11/25 Aquatic Plant Training Workshop.
- 6/17/25 Attended online training for CBCW BBS (Boater Behavior Study Training).

Attended DNR meetings and annual AIS and Lakes & Rivers Partnership events including, but not limited to:

Yes	AIS Partnership Spring meeting
Yes	AIS Partnership Fall meeting

- 4/29/25-4/30/25 Attended AIS Lakes & Rivers Partnership Spring meeting in Rosholt.
- 8/5/25 Attended Lakes & Rivers Partnership meeting at Lake Redstone.
- 10/28/25 Attended AIS Lakes & Rivers Partnership Fall meeting (virtual).

List all months attended for the two following activities:

All AIS focused meetings attended (February, April, June, October)	Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers monthly meetings (AIS-focused required; others optional).
Yes	Participate in meetings with DNR to discuss agreement scoping, coordination/planning, agreement accomplishments, and financial status.

List any other DNR meetings attended:

- Virtual Lake & Rivers Partnership AIS-focused meetings attended:
 - 3/4/25
 - 4/1/25
 - 6/3/25
 - 9/2/25
 - 12/2/25
- 8/21/25 Attended meeting with Jared Urban to plan Sugar River Wetlands State Natural Area workdays.

Yes	Adhered to decontamination and disinfection protocols required by the DNR for controlling, transporting, and disposing of aquatic plants and animals, and moving water.
Yes	Will retain all records for this project for a period of 6 years after the end date of this agreement

D. Activities Performed

Participated in a DNR-approved watercraft inspection program.

Tier One

1	Number of CBCW trainings conducted Partnered with the Clean Lakes Alliance, Dane County Land And Water Resources Dept.
2	Number of participants and/or paid staff trained.
Yes	Trained participants on how to enter CBCW data into SWIMS

Summarize how you promoted CBCW efforts, advertised trainings, and ensured participants understood how to enter data into SWIMS:

- Helped to provide training samples and materials for the training event. Advertised the event at local libraries, on social media (Facebook and Instagram), with partner organizations, and on the WI Lakes and Rivers Partnership Events Calendar.
- 5/21/25 CBCW Training with Dane Co LWCD and Clean Lakes Alliance and DNR for our intern and new Invasive Species Program Technician.
 - Two Upper Sugar Staff members were trained as a result of this collaborative training.

Tier Two

10	Number of CBCW inspections conducted at launches in coverage area.
Y	Assisted with Statewide Boater Behavior Study (as requested).
NA	Worked with partners to apply for CBCW grants to fund additional inspectors.

Share what partners and lake groups you worked with and how you supported them in applying for CBCW grant funds.

- 8/3/25 Conducted outreach for Statewide Boater Behavior Study at the Dell Creek Inlet of Lake Delton in Sauk County.

SWIMS Data entered:

Yes	All Clean Boats Clean Water data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period
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AIS Monitoring

###	Number of early detection monitoring surveys performed
Name location where Early Detection Monitoring occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waterbody Name, County, WBIC, protocol used, AIS found ● 	

Summarize any new significant AIS found and the steps after detection.

[##]	Number of citizens/volunteers/lake residents trained to perform Early Detection Monitoring using DNR-approved protocols, not including CLMN, Snapshot Day, and Project RED specific monitoring events, those will be recorded in the respective activity section.
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Summarize the method of the trainings (on the water/presentation/virtual/etc.).

NA	Assisted DNR in response Monitoring
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Summarize all response monitoring and response activities performed and coordinated by DNR AIS Biologist. Include any non-traditional methods that may have been requested.

SWIMS Data entered:

Choose an item.	All Early Detection Monitoring data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period
Choose an item.	All Early Detection Monitoring training data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period

Hosted a Snapshot Day event

Yes	Complete ID verification with DNR AIS Biologist prior to data entry into SWIMS.
Yes	Sent participation records to UW Extension Rivers Educator.

Summarize your role and coordination in the following activities: Arrangements for training site location, methods used in selection of local monitoring stations, training, and coordination of volunteers on day of event, assistance in local advertising to solicit volunteers, communications with volunteers ahead of event and communications with UW Extension Rivers Educator.

- 8/9/25 Partnered with the Lower Sugar River Watershed Association to host a Snapshot Day training at the Three Waters Reserve in Green County.
 - We were in close communication with UW Extension Rivers Educator Emily Heald throughout the process of setting up and executing Snapshot Day.
 - Arranged for this location by reaching out to LSRWA, who we had previously collaborated with.
 - Selected local monitoring stations according to both LSRWA's monitoring needs and local points that were both accessible and opportune places for new AIS population introduction. We prioritized the accessibility of these locations as well. These monitoring locations were on private and public property along the Sugar River, Norwegian Creek, and Decatur Lake.
 - For advertising prior to the event, we sent flyers out to local libraries and partner organizations and shared posts on social media and emails to potentially interested volunteers.
 - Once volunteers had signed up, we sent two email communications prior to the event and two after.
 - Training took place indoors at the Three Waters Reserve. We gave a presentation with slides, specimens, and literature. Following the presentation, we gave a demonstration of how to monitor for AIS and then sent the volunteers out to their respective monitoring locations.
 - New populations of rusty crayfish, corbicula, and purple loosestrife were found. LSRWA was able to promptly pull and treat the PLS population along Decatur Lake.

SWIMS Data entered:

Yes	All Snapshot Day data entered into SWIMS by communicated deadline.
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Project RED

1	Number of Project RED trainings conducted.
7	Number of volunteers trained in Project RED

Summarize all support you provided, general questions, and species verifications you provided for volunteers.

- 6/28/25 Coordinated with the Friends of the Baraboo River to host a Project RED training.
- Provided training on 10 AIS species found locally and in-bloom at the time of the event. Also provided literature and printed slides for volunteers to take home.
- General questions received included questions on impacts of AIS, efficacy of herbicide treatments on lakes, how monitoring can help.
- On the day of the event we found rusty crayfish and curly leaf pondweed.
- Followup was conducted after the event and we were not able to provide any additional species verifications after the event.

SWIMS Data entered:

Yes	All Project RED data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period
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Participated in aquatic invasive species prevention campaigns and lake protection activities as approved by the DNR

Yes	Great Lakes AIS Landing Blitz (Open Statewide)
Yes	Drain Campaign
Yes	Serve as media contact for the county for all DNR campaigns

Summarize all media contacts performed and any DNR approved activities other than listed above.

- Posted on social media several times for both the Great Lakes AIS Landing Blitz and the Drain Campaign.
- Served as the media contact for Lafayette and Iowa Counties on these two campaigns.

Participate in the purple loosestrife biocontrol (PLB) program

Tier One	
Yes	Reviewed extent of purple loosestrife populations and possible beetle refuges.
Yes	Produced a plan to move forward based on level of need for PLB which could include engagement with other counties in region conducting PLB for mutual support.
Yes	Supported partners as needed; may include SWIMS fieldwork entry, digging, beetle collection, releases, etc.
Yes	Assisted or enter volunteer data into SWIMS.

Summarize the activities listed above.

- Monitored progress of Yellowstone Lake State Park's purple loosestrife population to identify the appropriate time to dig plants for rearing, gather insects.
- 5/12/25, 5/29/25, 6/13/2025 Dug 60 purple loosestrife plants to distribute to our rearing partners in Dane (3 groups), Lafayette (1 group), Grant (1 group), and Green (1 group) Counties.
- Disseminated plants, pools, nets and informational material rearing partners and gave brief trainings on how to care for the plants.
- 6/17/25 Met volunteers at Yellowstone Lake State Park to collect beetles. Trained these volunteers on how to identify and catch adult Galerucella beetles and larvae.
- Disseminated beetles to rearing partners and provided brief trainings on how to care for the beetles and identify when they are ready for release.
- In July we provided guidance to rearing partners on the readiness of the beetles and where/how to release them.
- Conducted followup with rearing groups to attain rearing and release data for SWIMS and ensure that supplies were either returned or will be held onto until project begins again next spring.

Tier Two	For counties with existing PLB programs or who wish to expand based on need and available funding.
Yes	Supported and expanded the existing network within your county and/or work with neighboring counties for coordinated responses.
Yes	Identified and monitored insectaries and beetle refuges
Yes	Coordinated or participated in the collection and distribution of PLB organisms to all interested partners
Yes	Targeted the release of organisms, where needed, in [county name] County.
7	Conducted educational workshop to promote the PLB program.

- We have supported and expanded the networks of project groups rearing beetles in Grant, Green, and Lafayette Counties.

Tier Three	For counties with well-established programs. Tier One or Tier Two must be selected above.
NA	Conducted a site assessment to determine the need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for continued biocontrol, and/or • for a pause of biocontrol, short- or long-term period, and/or • for integrated management, such as digging or chemical treatments

List of sites that should maintain purple loosestrife to act as county insectaries and/or refuges

- List site location and approximate density of purple loosestrife present

SWIMS Data entered:

Yes	All PLB monitoring, beetle presence and biocontrol releases data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period
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Participate in the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN)

Tier One	Conducted training for CLMN volunteers on AIS monitoring and/or water clarity (Secchi)
##	Number of new volunteers trained for AIS and water clarity monitoring
Choose an item.	Assisted the DNR CLMN Coordinator in promoting the program and soliciting for volunteers.
Choose an item.	Assisted the DNR CLMN Coordinator to train new volunteers and supply annual sampling supplies to CLMN volunteers.
Choose an item.	Performed field checks with CLMN volunteers as needed and conduct quality assurance checks on data entered into SWIMS by citizen monitors at the end of monitoring year.
Choose an item.	Assisted with email/phone queries to answer questions from CLMN volunteers.
Choose an item.	Assisted with CLMN volunteer SWIMS data entry, as needed.
Choose an item.	Did you perform a check-in with DNR CLMN Coordinator during the field season and were there any notifications immediately if some of the above tasks cannot be completed?

Tier Two	Coordination of water chemistry activities (e.g., temperature, phosphorus, chlorophyll-<i>a</i>, and DO)
Choose an item.	Conducted training for CLMN volunteers in water chemistry monitoring
##	Number of new volunteers trained for water chemistry monitoring
Choose an item.	Assisted DNR CLMN Coordinator to train new volunteers and supply annual sampling supplies to CLMN volunteers.

Tier Three	Includes coordination of Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) sampling (duplicate and blank samples)
###	Number of QAQC volunteers supported
Choose an item.	Conducted QA/QC training for CLMN volunteers.
Choose an item.	Performed field checks with CLMN volunteers, as needed.
Choose an item.	Conducted QA/QC checks on data entered by CLMN volunteers into SWIMS at the end of monitoring year.

SWIMS Data entered:

Choose an item.	All CLMN training data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period
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Implementation of [Wisconsin's Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan's](#) pathways approach.

Organisms in Trade (OIT) Pathway

###	Number of pet stores monitored
Choose an item.	Pet store visit logs uploaded to UW Extension - box .
Yes	Promoted and/or attended and assisted with pet rehoming events

Summarize any and participate in the pet rehoming event and your participation in promotion, attending, and assisting.

- [2/22/2025](#) Assisted in advertising and helped to facilitate the Aldo Leopold Center exotic species rehoming event.
- [3/22/2025](#) Assisted in advertising and helped to facilitate the Upham Woods Exotic pet surrender event.
- [10/4/2025](#) UW Platteville: Assisted in advertising and coordinating the location and volunteers for the Exotic pet surrender event on Campus.

Dock Service Providers Pathway

Choose an item.	Contributed to DSPs database by identifying DSPs in coverage area.
###	Sent annual outreach mailing to all DSPs in [county] County following mailing instructions found in AIS Partnership Website : DSPs .
###	Performed 1:1 training with DSP(s)

Summarize 1:1 training with DSP(s) and describe what worked best and any barriers in this process.

Waterfowl Hunter Outreach

Yes	Performed waterfowl hunter outreach at hunter entry points.
Choose an item.	Provided outreach at local hunting events
Yes	Provided outreach through media.

Summarize the outreach that was provided and list the events attended.

- 11/8/2025 Conducted waterfowl hunter outreach in Grant County at the Cassville Boat Landing.

Summarize the outreach that was provided and list the media used.

- Reposted AIS and waterfowl hunter educational video on Facebook.
- Reposted infographic about waterfowl hunting and AIS on Facebook.

DNR AIS Signage at public surface water access points

36	Coordinated and conducted checks to verify condition of DNR AIS signage at lake/river public access sites.
Yes	Used DNR-approved forms to report signage inspections
Yes	Uploaded digital photographs of AIS signs that were inspected, replaced, or added to fieldwork event/access point

SWIMS Data entered:

Yes	All signage inspections data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period
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Bait Shop Initiative

10	Contacted bait shops and provide AIS outreach message and materials.
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Summarize the visit.

- Conducted bait shop initiative outreach in Grant, Sauk, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties.

SWIMS Data entered:

Yes	All Bait Shop Initiative data entered into SWIMS by end of grant period
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Support Pathways Programming

Participated in other AIS Pathways initiatives or work groups as requested by the Department. Please list the initiatives and work groups. Describe your interaction and participation with these initiatives and work groups.

- 1.
- 2.

Provided AIS outreach and education to local partners and AIS stakeholders, while implementing statewide communication and education priorities.

28	Represented the AIS Partnership at events
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List the event and the type of outreach (presentation/table/etc.) and the approximate contacts made during event.

1. 4/11/25 Attended Spring CISMA Meeting virtually.
2. 5/6/2025 Sauk County Youth Education Day. Provided outdoor water education opportunities for middle schoolers from 3 schools in Sauk County. 43 students participated.
3. 5/7/2025 Green County Youth Education Days. Provided outdoor water education opportunities for middle schoolers. 80 students participated.
4. 5/7/25 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided AIS information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.
5. 5/8/25 Grant County Youth Education Day. Provided outdoor water education opportunities for grade schoolers. 45 students participated.
6. 5/19/25 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided AIS information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.
7. 5/28/2025 Belleville Park Planning Focus Group. Provided information on AIS to members of the public in Green County.
8. 6/2/25 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided AIS information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.
9. 6/16/25 Hooked on Nature summer school programming for Blanchardville Public Library. About 30 Students participated.
10. 6/16/25 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided AIS information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.
11. 6/21/2025 Yellowstone Lake Days and Invasive Species Awareness Weekend. We offered three events at Yellowstone Lake State Park including "Life Below the Surface," "A Walk Through the Wildflowers," and "The Who's Who of Yellowstone Lake State Park: Native Species and Why They Matter." Reached about 40 people through these events.
12. 7/8/25 Training for Iowa County field staff on identifying poison hemlock and wild parsnip. 8 people participated.
13. 7/15/25 Belleville Park Planning Public Hearing. Provided AIS information to members of the public in Green County.
14. 7/21/25 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided AIS information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.
15. 8/7/2025 Sauk County's Wisconsin River Basin Bash Presentation and Tabling. 110 people participated, with a subset of about 40 people participating in USRWA's presentation portion.
16. 8/16/2025 Friends of the Badger and Sugar River State Trials Annual Social. Spoke about our programming to about 10 people.

17. 8/21/2025 Monitoring Invasive Species: The Power of Apps, Maps and Collaboration at Twin Crix Farm in Iowa County. 17 people attended.
18. 8/23/25 Lower Sugar River Watershed Association annual meeting. Spoke to about 40 people about our programming.
19. 8/28/25 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided AIS information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.
20. 9/9/25 Drift's Edge Nature Conservancy tour with Anne Sullivan to identify invasive species concerns and native species focus in the water and wetland habitats.
21. 9/16/25 Iowa County Youth Education Day, Provide outdoor water education opportunities for middle schoolers. 84 students participated.
22. 9/18/2025 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided AIS information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.
23. 10/1/25 Green County Youth Education Days. Provided outdoor water education opportunities for middle schoolers. 75 students participated.
24. 10/13/2025 Sauk County Youth Education Days. Provided outdoor water education opportunities for middle schoolers from 3 schools in Sauk County. 52 students participated.
25. 10/20/2025 Sauk County Youth Education Days. Provided outdoor water education opportunities for middle schoolers from 3 schools in Sauk County. 40 students participated.
26. 10/28/2025 Sauk County Youth Education Days. Provided outdoor water education opportunities for middle schoolers from 3 schools in Sauk County. 46 students participated.
27. 11/10/2025 Afterschool Education Program about AIS for Blanchardville Public Library. 4 Students participated and 1 adult was contacted about the program.
28. 11/20/2025 Belleville Park Planning meeting. Provided aquatic invasive species information for six regular attendees and occasionally members of the public.

124	Shared AIS-related posts via social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submit screenshots of posts in appendix as part of reporting.
12	Wrote electronic newsletter(s) that provide AIS information, articles, and updates to partners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submit screenshots in appendix as part of reporting.
Y	Shared relevant AIS articles with partners and citizens for use in their newsletters.

List topic/article written, where it was posted or shared, and approximate number of subscribers:

- Printed our year-in-review newsletter in January, 2025 and sent it to our constituents and county partners.
- Wrote monthly electronic newsletters that were distributed to our constituents and county partners.
- Wrote electronic newsletters that provided AIS information for Grant and Iowa Counties.

Provided Surface Water Grant support.

Summarize any assistance provided to a grantee or your participation in applying for an AIS Prevention and/or AIS Education grant.

- Provided information on Surface Water Grant options to landowners in Green County partners.
- Called 12 of landowners.
- Letters of participation and information 12 landowners.

- Conducted site visits to 4 populations of Phragmites to verify that they were pioneering populations of Phrag which is Prohibited in Green Co. More sites are planned for site visits to verify populations in January 2026.

Summarize any participation/coordination/authorizing representation while working with DNR AIS Biologist to apply for an EDR grant.

Agreed upon activities.

List the activity(ies) and summarize any other physical data to be collected, as requested by DNR AIS Biologist :

- 1.
- 2.

List and summarize any additional requests and/or agreed upon activity(ies) by DNR AIS Biologist:

1. Met with and presented to each county Conservation committee (Sauk, Green, Grant, Lafayette, Iowa) about the programs and progress in 2025 as well as plans and any changes for 2026.
- 2.

Appendix

Add any screenshots as part of reporting.

Add any pictures you would like to share as part of this report.