

THE PROTECTORS

Many volunteers are making a difference in stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species. The most visible effort against invasive species are watercraft inspectors at boat launches. But there are many other players out there. Their works include detecting new infestations, tracking locations, and entering the data collected. These endeavors afford many opportunities for you to help protect our lakes and other waterways. To find out more, attend a workshop and become a Waterway Protector!



THE WORKSHOPS



Clean Boats Clean Waters

June 30th – Iron River, WI
 Combined Bayfield and
 Douglas Counties Workshop



Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (AIS Monitoring)

July 9th – Burnett County
 July 14th – Ashland County
 July 16th – Douglas County
 July 18th – Bayfield County

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July 9th – Ashland County
 July 20th – Iron County
 July 27th – Douglas County
 August 11th – Bayfield County



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Northwest Wisconsin AIS Workshops



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THE PROGRAM

Clean Boats Clean Waters

With the growing concern over the spread of aquatic invasive species to Wisconsin's inland lakes, many lake association members and other concerned citizens are looking for ways to get involved. The Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteer watercraft inspection program is an opportunity to take a front line defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species.



Through the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, volunteers are trained to organize and conduct a boater education program in their community. Adults and youth teams educate boaters on how and where invasive species are most likely to hitch a ride into water bodies. Volunteers perform boat and trailer checks for invasive species, distribute informational brochures and collect and report any new water body infestations.

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Citizen Lake Monitoring Network



Join over 1,000 volunteers now participating statewide in water quality monitoring. The Department of Natural Resources and University of Wisconsin-Extension provides training and equipment, while citizens volunteer their time and energy. The assistance and enthusiasm of local volunteers play an important part in lake monitoring and protection.

Aquatic plants are another indicator of lake health and are an essential part of a healthy lake ecosystem. Materials are provided to help identify aquatic plants and to help the observer map the location and size of plant beds. Eurasian Watermilfoil, Zebra Mussels, and Purple Loosestrife are a few of the invasive species threatening Wisconsin lakes. Education and early identification of these non-native aquatic plants are the key to control. Volunteers learn to identify these invasive species and are the eyes for water biologists to monitor Wisconsin's 15,081 lakes.

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Project RED

Project RED provides you with the necessary tools to be a Riverine Early Detector. Our protocols are easy and fun. Use this activity to become more familiar with your river or stream and to engage your friends and neighbors!



During a free training we will teach you to monitor your river by canoe, kayak, or on foot for 16 species of concern. We will help you choose a monitoring schedule and locations that are convenient to you and your volunteers. We will also provide you with online data management tools available through the Wisconsin DNR SWIMS database that help you report and map your findings. If you identify an invasive in your riparian corridor, the River Alliance of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin DNR can also help you take the next step of eradication or containment! Over 150 individuals have been trained. Join us!

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