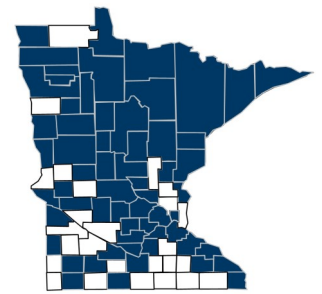


AIS Prevention Aid Metrics 2020



A majority of the counties that receive Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Aid (see map) voluntarily completed and submitted metrics templates—a tool created to help all counties track their accomplishments. These impressive numbers highlight activities funded by AIS Prevention Aid in 2020. Note that in-person activities were limited in 2020 due to COVID-19.

\$8,028,551.87 of AIS Prevention Aid was used by 61 counties in 2020 to fund these activities:

People Involved

1,259 people doing AIS work, including 865 jobs and 6,908 hours served by 394 volunteers.

251 lake associations, 42 conservation groups, 99 businesses, 49 schools/youth organizations and 117 local governments are involved.

38 Counties have AIS Task Forces and Committees.

Control

23 counties spent \$516,694.72 and leveraged \$276,863.32 for invasive aquatic plant management on 176 lakes in partnership with 71 lake organizations.

Enforcement

95 local officers were trained on AIS laws. 105 local law enforcement officers actively enforced AIS laws in 22 counties and contacted 5,483 boaters.

Watercraft Inspection

621 Level 1 and 96 Level 2 inspectors worked 209,005 hours and performed 470,011 inspections.

They covered 751 accesses on 612 water bodies in 38 counties.

They operated 37 decontamination units.

Funds Leveraged

32 County grant programs awarded \$1,687,092.19 to 196 organizations. \$1,153,913.06 in additional funds were leveraged from 147 organizations to directly support aid-funded work.

Communications

14,571 residents and visitors reached about AIS during events. 4,046 children were taught about AIS. 26 counties posted AIS information on social media. The 629 posts were seen by 250,008 followers.

Monitoring

41 counties surveyed 605 lakes and rivers for AIS. They conducted 562 early detection surveys, 385 aquatic plant surveys, deployed 402 zebra mussel settling plates and conducted 185 veliger tows.

Response

\$1,201,669.59 is saved in a contingency fund (over multiple years, for a variety of activities) by 36 counties. 18 counties have new infestation response plans. 23 responses were coordinated.