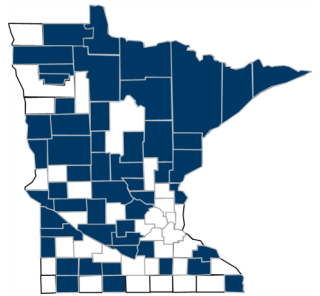


AIS Prevention Aid Metrics 2023

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 2023.



The following accomplishments were reported by 52 counties, representing about 70% of the AIS Prevention Aid distributed to 83 counties annually.

People Involved

1,088 people doing AIS work, including 637 jobs and 3,442 hours served by 451 volunteers.

266 lake associations, 46 conservation groups, 298 businesses, 83 schools/youth organizations and 170 local governments are involved.

25 Counties have AIS Task Forces and Committees.

Control

16 counties spent \$861,122 and leveraged \$560,304 for aquatic invasive species management on 224 water bodies in partnership with 97 lake organizations.

Enforcement

31 local officers were trained on AIS laws. 123 local law enforcement officers actively enforced AIS laws in 15 counties and contacted 1,037 boaters.

Watercraft Inspection

32 counties hired 396 Level 1 and 90 Level 2 inspectors. They worked 143,801 hours, performed 281,685 inspections, operated 36 decon units, performed 2,056 decontaminations, and covered 651 accesses on 529 water bodies.

Funds Leveraged

21 County grant programs awarded \$1,564,498 to 153 organizations. \$1,188,810 in additional funds were leveraged from 119 organizations to directly support aid-funded work.

Communications

65,009 residents and visitors reached about AIS during 327 events. \$505,059 spent on public education campaigns. 33 counties taught 13,331 children about AIS. 36 counties posted AIS information on social media.

Monitoring

34 counties surveyed 406 lakes and rivers for AIS. They conducted 464 early detection surveys, 83 aquatic plant surveys, 5 invasive carp surveys, 98 veliger tows, and deployed 270 zebra mussel settling plates. 15 counties detected 33 new AIS populations.

Response

\$1,414,025 is saved in a contingency fund (over multiple years, for a variety of activities) by 30 counties. 21 counties have new infestation response plans. 19 responses were coordinated.