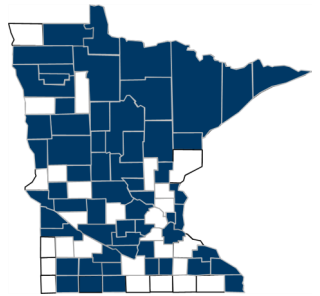


AIS Prevention Aid Metrics 2024

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 2024.



The following accomplishments were reported by 60 counties, representing about 72% of the AIS Prevention Aid distributed to 83 counties annually.

People Involved

1,298 people doing AIS work, including 763 jobs and 3,662 hours served by 535 volunteers.

265 lake associations, 53 conservation groups, 347 businesses, 102 schools/youth organizations and 166 local governments are involved.

30 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

35 local officers were trained on AIS laws. 81 local law enforcement officers actively enforced AIS laws in 15 counties and contacted 1,401 boaters.

Watercraft Inspection

35 counties hired 489 Level 1 and 82 Level 2 inspectors. They worked 169,442 hours, performed 317,007 inspections, operated 40 decon units, performed 2,055 decontaminations, and covered 699 accesses on 584 water bodies.

Funds Leveraged

30 County grant programs awarded \$2,067,595 to 232 organizations. \$1,806,899 in additional funds were leveraged from 96 organizations to directly support aid-funded work.

Communications

59,179 residents and visitors reached about AIS during 351 events. \$496,526 spent on public education campaigns. 42 counties taught 15,510 children about AIS. 45 counties posted AIS information on social media.

Monitoring

38 counties surveyed 505 lakes and rivers for AIS. They conducted 536 early detection surveys, 136 aquatic plant surveys, 7 invasive carp surveys, 121 veliger tows, and deployed 324 zebra mussel settling plates. 17 counties detected 39 new AIS populations.

Response

\$2,291,093 is saved in a contingency fund (over multiple years, for a variety of activities) by 35 counties. 20 counties have new AIS response plans. 20 responses were coordinated.