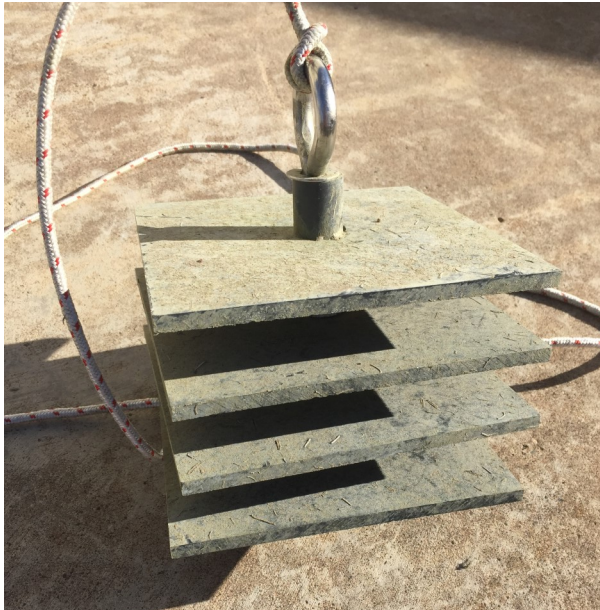


# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION ZEBRA MUSSEL WATCH PROGRAM



In 2018, Chisago County implemented the Zebra Mussel Watch program to monitor the presence of zebra mussels in lakes countywide. 21 volunteers installed monitoring plates on their docks on Chisago, Goose, Green, Kroon, Little Green, North Lindstrom, South Center, South Lindstrom, and West Rush Lakes.

Volunteers checked the plates once a month for the presence or absence of zebra mussels. Volunteers observed no zebra mussels during the 2018 monitoring season! Chisago County will continue the program in the spring of 2019. To participate, please contact [susanna.wilson@chisagocounty.us](mailto:susanna.wilson@chisagocounty.us). Thank you to our volunteers for their efforts!

Zebra mussels are an invasive (non-native) species that can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes. Less than three percent of Minnesota's 11,842 lakes are listed as infested with zebra mussels. More information on zebra mussels is available at [www.mndnr.gov/AIS](http://www.mndnr.gov/AIS).



Zebra mussel on sampling plate.  
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## Partners:

- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Center Lakes Association
- Chisago-Lindstrom Lakes Association
- Green Lake Association
- Goose Lake Landowners Association
- Rush Lake Improvement Association

