

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION WATER ACCESS MONITORING PROGRAM



Two-Sided Rake Used to Sample for Aquatic Plants

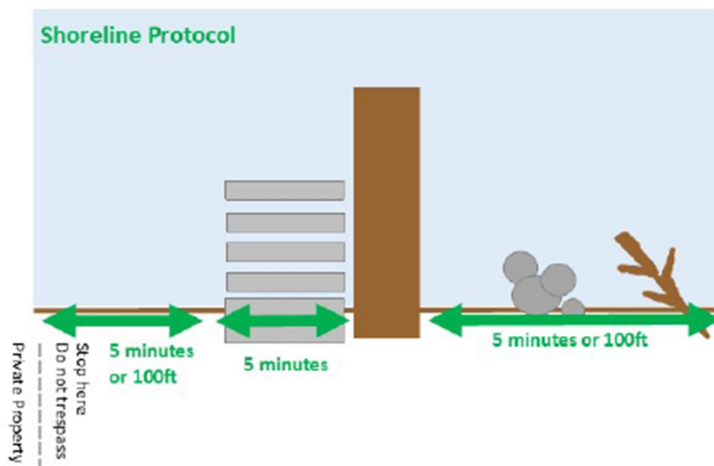
In 2019, Chisago County launched a new program to monitor for new infestations of aquatic invasive species (AIS) located at public water accesses in the county. The goal is provide early detection and treatment if county staff discover new infestations of AIS.

Once a month, the seasonal AIS Specialist worked with Watercraft Inspectors to follow a shoreline protocol to monitor all lakes with a public water access in the county. They identify native and invasive species and report their observations.

Chisago County staff monitored fourteen lakes in August of 2019, including Chisago, Comfort, Fish, Goose, Green, Horseshoe, Kroon, Little, Little Horseshoe, North Center, South Center, Spider, and East and West Rush Lakes. County staff did not report new observations of AIS. Chisago County will continue the program in the spring of 2020.

Partners:

- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Shoreline Protocol

