

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AIS DETECTOR PROGRAM

Become an Aquatic

Invasive Species Detector!



Join a network of citizen scientists and learn how to identify and report AIS.

[www.AISdetectors.org](http://www.AISdetectors.org)

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## Ideal for:

- AIS managers and inspectors, lake association members, and Master Naturalists
- Motivated adults 18 years and older
- Anyone who has a desire to learn about AIS



## What you'll do:

- Help the DNR by responding to reports of AIS and weeding out false positives
- Be on the lookout for new AIS infestations
- Provide helpful outreach

In 2017, the University of Minnesota Extension Office, in partnership with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC), sponsored the AIS Detector Program. Through the AIS Detector Program, volunteers learn how to identify and report potential aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Chisago County. The program trains volunteers to identify and respond to reports of new potential AIS and report incidental AIS observations.

Volunteers complete 16 hours of training, both online and in-person. Once certified, AIS Detectors must complete 25 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of refresher training each year to maintain their certification.

To learn more, visit <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-detector>.

In 2017, three volunteers and two Chisago County staff became AIS Detectors!

## Partners:

- University of Minnesota Extension
- Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Lake Associations located in Chisago County



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