

## 2021 LID/Lake Association/DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program

Aquatic invasive species, such as Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curlyleaf Pondweed, and Phragmites are a serious problem in the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes watershed. The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) has a goal to promote the reduction or control of non-native aquatic invasive species. The objective is to, when appropriate, provide assistance with costs and grants associated with treatment of or education about non-native aquatic invasive species such as Purple Loosestrife, Phragmites, Curlyleaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil.

The LID is interested in partnering with lake associations within the LID boundaries to control:

- Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed for the purpose of improving navigation. Funds are intended to support projects that have received an Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit from the DNR and that are 150 feet from shore.
- Invasive Phragmites and Purple Loosestrife wherever found within the LID boundaries. The lake associations are responsible for all permits, property owner permissions, interactions, and potential liabilities.

The LID is offering to provide matching funds to lake associations for cash expenditures on projects to control these invasive species using either herbicides or mechanical control. No reimbursements will be made for time, mileage, labor, etc. incurred by the lake association. These reimbursements are calculated using the cost **after** any non-LID public grants targeted for AIS control.

The LID will provide 90% of the reduced cost for the treatment up to the maximum allowed. This maximum value is based off of the number littoral acres of the lakes that are supported by the appropriate 501(c) lake association within the LID boundaries (see following table). Within individual lake associations, funds can be allocated to lakes based on need for treatment.

Lake Association	Littoral (Acres)	% of Total	Matching Grant*
<b>Green Lakes Association</b> Green, Little Green Ellen Lakes	1,343	37.32%	\$11,194.78
<b>Center Lakes Association</b> North & South Center Lakes	1,169	32.48%	\$9,744.37
<b>Chisago Lindstrom Kroon Lakes Association</b> Chisago, North Lindstrom, South Lindstrom, Kroon Lakes	1,087	30.20%	\$9,060.85
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$30,000</b>

Note: If the entire \$30,000 of the matching grant is not requested by the lake associations, the lake associations can request up to \$1,000 more. Lake associations requesting this additional Grant, must submit a request to the LID board for consideration at or before the November LID board meeting. The total AIS partnership grant expenditure for 2021 will be less than or equal to \$30,000.

Lakes that currently not part of a lake association must either join one of the existing lake associations or create a new one to be part of this partnership program and submit their request before the March 2021 LID meeting.

- This opportunity is for 2021 only. The program may or may not be continued in 2022.
- Applications must be reviewed by LID staff and submitted to the LID board prior to approval.

### **Please provide the following prior to treatment**

1. 2021 AIS Treatment Worksheet for lake associations within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District.
2. Copy of any grant applications.
3. Copy of DNR Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit application. **Permits are a legal requirement.** Information about DNR permits can be found at: [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/invasive\\_species/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/invasive_species/index.html)  
Invasive Aquatic Plant Management permit applications will be submitted through the online Minnesota DNR Permitting and Reporting System (MPARS).
4. Map or drawing of the proposed treatment area.
5. Funding request for the LID.

### **Please provide the following after treatment**

1. Itemized list of funds spent, including invoices.
2. Copy of all grant contracts indicating monies received.
3. An updated 2021 AIS Treatment Worksheet indicating actual acres treated, etc.
4. Invoice requesting reimbursement from the LID.
5. Not required but appreciated – What were your overall thoughts on the control program? Did the controls meet or exceed your expectations? Were there disappointments?

### **For additional information on the partnership opportunity, please contact:**

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