



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: December 29, 2022
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: University of Minnesota - AIS Detectors Training



District Wide

Background/Discussion:

The University of Minnesota's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Detectors program debuted an online AIS Management 101 class in 2020. This online class will be returning in February and March of 2023. This class has no prerequisites and is open to anyone who is interested. This is a fully online, self-paced course. Course materials will cover topics such as AIS regulations, management options, monitoring strategies, and more. According to their webpage, participants will gain an introduction into plant management, better understanding of pesticides and their associated regulations, a greater ability to evaluate the effectiveness of control measures, and a long-term perspective on management. Registration is \$75 per person and access to the online course will run from February 13th to March 27th.

Staff have included this topic into the meeting materials for the Board to consider funding for interested community members. District funding in 2022 of this training consisted of the District covering \$50 of the \$75 course fee. Staff believe that a continuation of partially or fully covering the class fee would help increase public engagement and knowledge on lake management activities. Such participants might feel more inclined to serve on lake association boards or the District's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

Class Information & Registration

[EXT XAF.0062 AIS Management 101 | University of Minnesota \(umn.edu\)](#)