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Aquatic Invasive Species
Identification and Response Guide
for
Washington County Citizens

While prevention is the most effective approach to Aquatic Invasive Species, early detection and rapid response is critical to eradication or control before invasive species become widespread. Monitoring and reporting locations of invasive species is also vital to preventing the spread of aquatic invaders.

Definitions

“Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)” are non-native species that threaten the diversity or abundance of native species and the ecological stability, human health and safety, commercial, agricultural, aquaculture, or recreational activities dependent on such waters. Invasive species are, with respect to a particular ecosystem, any species including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species, that is not native to that ecosystem

“Rapid Response Plan” is a systematic effort of identifying, containing, eradicating and controlling a potentially invasive non-native species introduced into an ecosystem while the infestation is still localized. To be most effective, a response to an invasive species should occur as soon as possible after the infestation is realized, and before the species is established.

Survey/Monitor

Survey the lake monthly/seasonally/annually in front of your property, boat launch/access sites, and random shoreline areas around the lake.

Learn how to survey and monitor the lake for AIS threats from:

Washington County AIS Coordinator – Paul Klein
333 E. Washington St., Suite 2300
West Bend, WI 53095
Phone: 262/335-4806 Cell: 920/517-0249
E-mail: paul.klein@co.washington.wi.us

Water Resources Management Specialist
DNR Service Center
1155 Pilgrim Rd.
Plymouth, WI 53073
Phone: 920/892-8756

For additional resources, guides and identification information: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives>

Plants – Protocol if you find a suspected Invasive PLANT Species

Collect Specimens and Take Pictures

- Collect, press and dry a sample. This method is best because a plant expert can then examine the specimen; or
- Collect a fresh sample and enclose it in a plastic bag with a moist paper towel and refrigerate until examined by an expert.
- Take detailed photos of specimen.
- Note location of found specimen (see suggestions below for recording location).

Provide as much information as possible. Try to include details like: flowers, seeds or fruit, buds, full leaves, stems, roots and other distinctive features. In photos, place a coin, pencil or ruler for scale. Deliver or send specimen and/or photos ASAP.

Animals – Protocol if you find a suspected Invasive ANIMAL Species

Collect Specimens and Take Pictures

- Place in a jar with water, put on ice or transport to refrigerator. Collect up to five specimens, if possible.
- Take a digital photo of the animal in the setting it was found, if possible.
- Transfer specimen to a jar filled with rubbing alcohol (except jellyfish – leave in water).
- Note location of found specimen (see suggestions below for recording location).

Provide as much information as possible. In photos, place a coin, pencil or ruler for scale. Deliver or send specimen and/or photos ASAP.

Note Location Details

Provide one or more of the following:

- Latitude & Longitude
- UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) coordinates
- County, Township, Range, Section, Quarter-Section
- Precise written site description with address, noting nearest city & road names, landmarks, local topography

If possible, give the exact geographic location using a GPS (global positioning system) unit, topographic map, or the Wisconsin Gazetteer map book. If using a map, include a photocopy with a dot showing the location the specimen was found. You can use the DNR WebViewer (<http://dnr.wi.gov/maps/gis/appwebview.html>) to find the precise location on a digital topographic map. Click the cursor on the exact collection site and note the coordinates (choose UTM or Latitude/Longitude).

Send or bring specimen and location details (or complete the attached report form) to:

Washington County Planning and Parks Department
Paul Klein, AIS Coordinator
333 E. Washington St., Suite 2300
West Bend, WI 53095
Phone: 262/335-4806, cell: 920/517-0249
E-mail: paul.klein@co.washington.wi.us

If an invasive species is confirmed, the AIS Coordinator will contact:

- The person who reported or collected the specimen
- The Town in which the waterbody is located
- Local governing body/lakes association of the waterbody (Attachment A)
- And the following Government Officials:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Contact: Heidi Bunk, Water Resources Management Specialist
141 NW Barstow St., Room 180
Waukesha, WI 53188
Phone: 262/574-2130
E-mail: heidi.bunk@wisconsin.gov

Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Contact: Paul Mueller, Administrator
Contact: Paul Sebo, County Conservationist
333 E. Washington St., Suite 2300
PO Box 2003
West Bend, WI 53095
Phone: 262/335-4445
E-mail: paul.mueller@co.washington.wi.us
E-mail: paul.sebo@co.washington.wi.us

Positively identified Invasive Species Reports will include:

- Date of specimen collection
- Name, address, phone and email of individual reporting the species
- Plant name (common and/or scientific)
 - Determination of DNR AIS Classification NR 40 (restricted or prohibited).
For additional information go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/>
- Landownership of where species was found (public or private)
 - Determine removal or control concerns and responsibilities
- Population description (estimated number or plants and area covered)
 - Determining time frame of removal or control
- Habitat type(s) where found (forest, field, prairie, wetland, open water)
 - Determine effectiveness of removal or control
 - Accessibility of removal or control
 - Effects on native populations

What happens after an Invasive Species is confirmed:

- County AIS Coordinator will collaborate with DNR to determine vulnerability of the ecosystem by determining how easily the AIS will colonize, establish, and impact the lake or ecosystem.
- AIS Coordinator and DNR will determine course of action.
 - Manual removal. Coordinated between AIS Coordinator, DNR, Lake Group, and any concerned citizens.
 - Chemical treatment. Must be permitted by the DNR.
 - Biological control/treatment. Coordinated through AIS Coordinator, lake group, and concerned citizens.
 - No course of action needed or control is not feasible.
- Press Releases will be issued with information about findings of an Invasive Species and what course of action will take place.
- Follow-up monitoring will be conducted to determine effectiveness of action taken.

Attachment A
Contact List for Waterbody

Amy Belle Lake		
Ardell Zimmer-POA 787 Amy Belle Lake Rd. Hubertus, WI 53033 262.628.4430		Village of Richfield 4128 Hubertus Rd. Hubertus, WI 53033 262.628.2260
Bark Lake		
Vito Marchese 3378 S. Shore Dr. Hubertus, WI 53033	Dick Baumann 3464 South Shore Dr Hubertus, WI 53033 414.588.3530	Village of Richfield 4128 Hubertus Rd. Hubertus, WI 53033 262.628.2260
Big Cedar Lake		
Tod Maclay - POA 5347 Oak Lodge Rd. West Bend, WI 53095 262.689.6894	Roger Walsh - PRD 9215 Wilson Blvd. Wauwatosa, WI 53226 262.644.7217	Town of West Bend 6355 CTH Z West Bend, WI 53095 262.338.3417
Druid Lake		
Monica Schoen-Hermes POA Roy Hermes - PRD 2452 Lough Ln. Hartford, WI 53027 414.840.3452		Town of Erin 1846 STH 83 Hartford, WI 53027 262.673.3682
Friess Lake		
Mark Siefert 1582 Friess Lake Dr. Hubertus, WI 53033 414.975.3410	Bill Hilgendorf - POA 4998 Lakeview Ave. Hubertus, WI 53033 414.510.5298	Village of Richfield 4128 Hubertus Rd. Hubertus, WI 53033 262.628.2260
Green Lake		
Larry Cinpinski-POA 1365 Lakeview Dr. West Bend, WI 53090 414.810.0460	Mark Rodenkirch - POA 1286 E. Green Lake Dr. West Bend, WI 53090 262.675.2925	Town of Farmington 9422 STH 144 Kewaskum, WI 53040 262.692.2377
Lake Five		
Kenneth Hebbe - POA N95W26479 Co. Rd. Q Colgate, WI 53017 262.623.8323		Village of Richfield 4128 Hubertus Rd. Hubertus, WI 53033 262.628.2260

Contact List for Waterbody (cont.)

Lake Twelve		
Jim Bishop (Camp Awana) 9025 Camp Awana Rd. Fredonia, WI 53021 262.692.2388		Town of Farmington 9422 STH 144 Kewaskum, WI 53040 262.692.2377
Little Cedar Lake		
Robert Ramstahl - PRD 3936 Co. Hwy NN West Bend, WI 53095 262.334.9557		Town of West Bend 6355 CTH Z West Bend, WI 53095 262.338.3417
Lucas Lake		
Lisa DeLaney (Camp Silverbrook) 2561 W. Decorah Rd. West Bend, WI 53095 262.689.5288		Town of West Bend 6355 CTH Z West Bend, WI 53095 262.338.3417
Pike Lake		
Richard Libby - PLAA 6070 Shady Ln. Hartford, WI 53027 262.670.6070	John Jung - PRD 3354 Lake Dr. Hartford, WI 53027 262.673.4441	Town of Hartford 3360 CTH K Hartford, WI 53027 262.673.7214
Silver Lake		
John Behrens - Prot. Assoc. 3482 Hwy NN West Bend, WI 53095 262.334.5132 / 262.284.5221	James Ketter - PRD 5581 Peters Dr. West Bend, WI 53095 262.353.3399	Town of West Bend 6355 CTH Z West Bend, WI 53095 262.338.3417
Smith Lake		
Roger Landvatter 2985 Smith Lake Rd. West Bend, WI 53090 262.334.4238		Town of Barton 3482 Town Hall Rd. Kewaskum, WI 53040 262.334.2765
Wallace Lake		
Ron Jung - San. Dist. 7184 Pleasant Dr. West Bend, WI 53090 262.689.3120		Town of Trenton 1071 STH 33 E. PO Box 259 Newburg, WI 53060 262.675.6009

Identification and Response Report Form – Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

This form was developed as a guide to report potential threats of Aquatic Invasive Species.

Contact information of the person discovering the threat:

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City, State Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Check appropriate box of specimen found (Plant/Animal) and follow sampling guide.

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>PLANT Species</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect sample• Take detailed photos, include coin or pencil for scale• Note distinctive features, like flowers, seeds, fruit, buds, full leaves, stems roots...	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ANIMAL Species</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try to collect up to 5 samples• Take detailed photos, include coin or pencil for scale• Transfer specimen to a jar filled with rubbing alcohol (except jellyfish).
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Location information:

- Lake Name (if applicable): _____
- GPS Coordinates or coordinates by other means (note source and include map): _____
Sources include: Topo maps, Gazetteer, DNR WebViewer (<http://dnr.wi.gov/maps/gis/appwebview.html>)
- Written description of location: _____
Examples include: County, Township, Ranges Section, ¼ Section, Note any road names, landmarks, etc...

Deliver sample/photos to: Paul Klein, AIS Coordinator
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West Bend, WI 53095
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E-mail: paul.klein@co.washington.wi.us

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Date received: _____ Plant Name (Common): _____
Plant Name (Scientific): _____
Estimated Population of Invasive Species: _____
Description of habitat species discovered in: _____

Appendix C



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) SURVEY

This survey is being conducted to gain a better understanding of community needs and concerns regarding aquatic invasive species. Opinions from this survey will be used to guide the recommendations of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Strategic Plan. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

- 1) Are you a resident of Washington County? (check one response)
2) Do you own property on a lake or river in Washington County? (check one response)

If yes, please identify the lake or river you live on:

- 3) Please select your age group. (check one response)
Under 18, 18 to 25, 26 to 35, 36 to 45, 46 to 55, 56 to 65, 66 to 75, 76 and older

- 4) How many different rivers and lakes do you utilize (observe or use for recreation) in Washington County in a year? (check one response)

Lakes: 0, 1 to 5, 6 to 10, More than 10
Rivers: 0, 1 to 5, 6 to 10, More than 10

Please identify which lakes or rivers you visit most often:

Blank lines for identifying lakes or rivers visited most often.

- 5) How do you use water resources in Washington County? (check all that apply)

Open-water fishing, Waterfowl hunting, Speed boating, Pleasure/pontoon boating, Ice fishing, Observing nature, Swimming, Waterskiing/tubing, Jet skiing, Sailing, Canoeing/kayaking, Other(s)

- 6) During the open water season, how many times do you typically use lakes or rivers within Washington County? (check one response)

0, 1 to 5, 6 to 10, More than 10

- 7) During the open water season, how many times do you typically use lakes or rivers outside of Washington County? (check one response)

0, 1 to 5, 6 to 10, More than 10

- 8) Do you own a watercraft of any kind? Yes No

If yes, how many times during the open water season do you typically use a public boat launch within or outside of Washington County? (Check one response)

Once, 2 to 4, 5 to 7, 8 to 10, More than 10

On which lakes or rivers do you launch your watercraft?

Blank lines for identifying lakes or rivers used for launching watercraft.

9) Have AIS affected your use of Washington County waterbodies in the past? (check one response)

Yes No

10) How would you rate your level of concern for AIS in Washington County waterbodies? (circle one number)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not concerned Moderately concerned Very concerned

If you are concerned, briefly describe your concerns pertaining to AIS and the waterways you utilize:

11) How would you rate your AIS knowledge **prior to** attending this event? (circle one number)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Very poor Average Very Good

12) How would you rate your AIS knowledge **after** attending this event? (circle one number)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Very poor Average Very Good

13) How has this event influenced your knowledge about AIS? (please describe)

14) Please indicate and provide your contact information if you would like to be contacted for any of the following:

- Additional educational information regarding AIS
- Volunteer opportunities involving AIS
- To receive the Planning & Parks Department newsletter via **mail** (if you don't already)
- To receive the Planning & Parks Department newsletter via **email** (if you don't already)

Name (and Organization): _____

Mailing Address:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional comments:

Please return this survey form to the sign-in table.
Your time and input is greatly valued! Thank you for participating!

Appendix D

SUMMARY OF ALL OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES TO AIS SURVEY DISTRIBUTED AT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS (JUNE 2012)

The following is a list of all open-ended responses submitted through the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) survey distributed at two public informational workshops. The first workshop was intended for people in the northern portion of Washington County and was conducted on June 19, 2012 at The Columbian in West Bend. The second workshop was intended for people in the southern portion of Washington County and was conducted on June 20, 2012 at the Hartford Town Hall.

2) Do you own property on a lake or river in Washington County?

If yes, please identify the lake or river you live on:

North

- Silver Lake
- Big Cedar
- Wallace
- Wallace Lake
- Big Cedar
- Wallace Lake
- Silver Lake
- Silver Lake
- Big Cedar
- Big Cedar
- Pond
- Big Cedar
- Lake Twelve
- Lake Twelve
- Green Lake
- Green Lake
- North Branch – Milwaukee River
- Smith Lake

South

- Pike Lake
- Pike Lake
- Bark Lake
- Bark
- Werner Pond
- Lake Five
- Silver Lake
- Pike
- Pike Lake
- Pike

- Pike
- Friess Lake

**4) How many different rivers and lakes do you utilize in Washington County in a year?
Please identify which lakes and rivers you visit most often:**

North

- Silver Lake, Big Cedar Lake
- Big Cedar, Lake Michigan, Milwaukee River
- Wallace, Little Cedar, Milwaukee River
- Pike, Wallace
- Rock River
- Wallace Lake
- Silver Lake
- Silver Lake
- Big Cedar
- Big Cedar, Gilbert
- Farm Pond
- Lake Twelve, Milwaukee River
- Lake Twelve, Milwaukee River
- Green Lake
- Cedar Lake, Erlers Lake, N. Branch M. River, Green Lake
- Smith Lake, Big and Little Cedar
- Big Cedar
- Ridge Run Park lakes and Silver Lake

South

- Pike Lake
- Pike Lake only
- Bark
- Pike Lake, Cedar Lake
- Silver Lake, Big Cedar Lake
- Rubicon
- Pike Lake
- Pike, Silver, Big Cedar
- Lake Five in Washington County and Fox River in Winnebago County
- Friess Lake – Little Friess

5) How do you use water resources in Washington County?

Other(s):

North

- Watching sailing
- Snorkeling
- Paddleboat

South

- Hunting

8) Do you own a watercraft of any kind?

On which lakes or rivers do you launch your watercraft?

North

- Silver Lake, Big and Little Cedar
- We launch/take out our motor boat at beginning and end of season
- Wallace
- Wallace Lake
- Big Cedar, Pike and Butternut Lake
- Washburn Co. lakes and rivers
- Wallace Lake. In in spring out in fall
- Silver Lake
- Silver Lake
- Big Cedar
- Big Cedar
- Farm Pond $\frac{3}{4}$ acre
- Big Cedar
- Milwaukee River
- Green Lake
- Green Lake
- Mississippi River, Wolf River, Fox River
- Long Lake and Lake Winnebago in Fond du Lac County
- Big Cedar

South

- Pike Lake
- Pike Lake
- Bark Lake – Launch from own property
- Bark
- Do not use public boat launch
- Lake Michigan, Wisconsin River
- Silver Lake
- Pike
- Pike Lake
- Pike
- Lake Five in Washington County and Fox River in Winnebago County
- Round Lake
- Friess lake

10) How would you rate your level of concern for AIS in Washington County waterbodies?

If you are concerned, briefly describe your concerns pertaining to AIS and the waterways you utilize:

North

- Silver Lake, being a smaller lake, attracts a number of fishermen because of it being fairly calm and peaceful for fishing. Zebra Mussels are noticeable and the E. Milfoil is everywhere. The Algae blooms are ugly and a lot of effort to clear.
- Zebra mussels and foreign plants have changed the Big Cedar Lake ecology and cause damage + injury. The geese and seagulls that “winter over” may pollute the lakes as well as dairy farms and other operations still maintained. “water itch” is also an issue. Also there’s continued degradation of riparian areas by certain development and uses. Even global warming is an issue in lake ecology; boat numbers/ sizes/ powers and use. Also making non-natives illegal. Encourage and support native flora and fauna. What about dredging sediment?
- Wallace Lake has 3 invasive species – more are possible since we have a free unmonitored boat launch
- Swimming areas, boat motors
- Eradication
- Killing off fish, more weeds, zebra mussels
- Zebra mussels on boats and lifts. Plus – replacement of zebra with Quagga which, I think, do not need a hard surface to attach
- Milfoil has recently taken over our shoreline. Blue gill nesting area has been destroyed. Zebra mussels cut feet. Other “lake weeds” clog the north end of the lake. Gravel bottom has quickly been covered by sediment.
- Milfoil is spreading everywhere on North Big Cedar. Blue Gills didn’t nest by our dock this year. Normally 50+ nests in May.
- Zebra mussel
- We have contacted various agencies to find ways to stop the growth of milfoil
- Never had any milfoil until DNR opened the public launch
- Invasive weeds
- Obtained DNR grant in 2009 for Green Lake. Wife coordinates Clean Boats/Clean Waters.
- Plants grow in pasture land along the river.
- Hope that Big Cedar Lake stays as weed free as it presently is

South

- Nothing but invasive species left in lake.
- At present, Bark Lake has a substantial Eurasian Milfoil problem which we anticipate will worsen. Currently, Bark Lake does NOT have a public landing and I am very concerned that numerous other AIS will infect Bark Lake and destroy it if and when the public landing is built.
- I am concerned that Boating and Fishing on Bark Lake will be harmed by AIS.
- I work in the environmental field and see the effects of invasive species migration into previously uncontaminated habitats.
- Tried to eliminate Eurasian milfoil and now concerned about the spread of hybrid. Unsuccessful in stopping the introduction of zebra mussels into Silver Lake.
- Lake to swamp
- No monitoring of boat launches contaminate lakes – people don’t care

- Eurasian water milfoil over taking lake shores.

13) How has this event influenced your knowledge about AIS?

North

- No comment
- Filled in gaps in my knowledge of AIS and potential for damage and working to fix it.
- I was not aware of the surrounding AIS that represent future problems
- Better awareness, Better knowledge, Good information
- It seems there are more Invasive species we're dealing with and using biological controls may create additional issues
- Lets me know what to look for and do with AIS when found
- Seems impossible to keep AIS out of lakes without overly-serious efforts that is not going to happen
- Much more info and interest in helping to control AIS
- Yes – The understanding that prevention does work.
- Maybe I should sell my lake property?
- Very informative
- (Very)
- I hope I come away with more knowledge
- Nice maps, charts, samples, Lots info available

South

- Know more now about invasive species and the consequences of doing nothing
- Now I know why AIS aren't AIS in Europe & Asia...They have natural predators. I am aware of more AIS than Eurasian Milfoil.
- I am glad to know that the County is involved in tackling this problem.
- Very much learned a lot very interested
- Increased knowledge of the number and variety of AIS present or threatening Washington County.
- Good pitch by Paul – Good questions by attendees.
- Added to my knowledge that I had and increased my concern.
- More pulling
- People on Pike Lake make sad profit from launches but not monitor.

Additional comments:

North

- I'd like to see BCL etc. utilized recreationally w/ guidance by BCLPRD – not tickets – and less patrolling. I'd like to see scientific study and science based implementation of protective measures to keep the lake healthy. For instance, checking/washing boats at the launch; scientific based historic picture of lake; scientific based assessment of condition now and; scientific plan to improve health of lakes and rivers and move them into appropriate stage they should be in. Educate people, etc.
- Weed harvesters need to be monitored to prevent loose cutting from drifting all over the lake

- It seems the only effective control is 1) consistent monitoring of launch sites for boats coming in and out. 2) More stringent rules/penalties for boaters not cleaning equipment.
- Thank you
- Very interesting and very informational. Paul was very educated on the subject. Thank you everyone.
- Require buffer zones on local lakes – Even if political problems because some people see it as government over-reach
- Have laws against use of fertilizer or land bordering H2O and establishment of buffer zones along lake shores
- Taking out Eurasian milfoil and adding blue dye to pond will definitely help control it. (share it out)

South

- I am a member of the WASH. CO. AIS Advisory Committee
- AIS Coordinator is a very good idea. For too long, everyone is concerned, but who heads up the effort and coordinates what's going on.
- Keep up the good work!! Thank you.
- Thank you very much!
- Currently a member of AIS Strategic Plan Advisory Committee.
- Would like to set up a AIS presentation at one of our sportman's club meeting. 262-670-6675.
- Good start



Washington County

Planning and Parks Department

Planning Division

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at a meeting of the Washington County Land Conservation Committee on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 3224 of the Washington County Public Agency Center, 333 East Washington Street, West Bend, WI at which time there will be heard and considered:

The Public Hearing for public comment on the Final Draft of the *Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan* and the proposed resolution will be discussed. A brief overview of the Plan will be presented at 1:00 p.m.

Copies of the *Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Strategic Plan* and the proposed resolution are available for review at the Washington County Planning and Parks Department, 333 E. Washington Street, Suite 2300, West Bend, WI, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday and on-line at www.co.washington.wi.us/lcd. Written comments will be accepted until December 18, 2012 at 3:00 pm. Any questions, written comments or requests for copies of the Plan should be directed to Joshua Glass, Planner, Washington County Planning and Parks Department at 333 E. Washington Street, Suite 2300, West Bend, WI 53090, 262-335-4445 or via email at joshua.glass@co.washington.wi.us. Written comments will be read at the public hearing and will be given the same weight as oral testimony.

Dated the 6th day of December, 2012.

Debora Sielski, Deputy Planning and Parks Administrator
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Date of enactment: 2/12/13
Date of publication: _____

2012 RESOLUTION 62**Adopting the Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan**

WHEREAS, in August 2010 Washington County received an Aquatic Invasive species (AqIS) Control Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Land Conservation Committee, in cooperation with the Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee, including members from seven local lake protection and rehabilitation districts and lake owners associations throughout Washington County, developed the Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan that meets the requirements set forth in the AqIS Control Grant; and

WHEREAS, these non-native plants and animals displace native species, disrupt ecosystems, harm recreational activities such as fishing, boating and swimming; and, ultimately impact local economies; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Land and Water Resources Management Plan (2nd Revision 2011-2020) identifies the need to promote the identification, control and management of invasive plant and animal species in order to protect and preserve land and water resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan identifies where AqIS have been found, describes potential AqIS threats to County water bodies and recommends goals and strategies for combating AqIS ; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of identifying and controlling invasive species, the Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Strategic Plan can be used as a guide for County officials to ensure resources are spent in the most efficient and fiscally prudent way to combat aquatic invasive species throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County solicited public input through a series of workshops in June, 2012 to ensure the public had ample opportunity for involvement in the development of the strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, copies of the plan report were available for public review in the Washington County Planning and Parks Department office and on the County website; and

WHEREAS, the County has duly noticed a public hearing on the strategic plan and the Land Conservation Committee held the public hearing on December 19, 2012; and

1 **WHEREAS**, after a well publicized series of public workshops and a public hearing, the
2 Land Conservation Committee recommends approval of the plan and adoption by the County
3 Board of Supervisors;

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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
6 Supervisors that the strategic plan embodied in *The Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species*
7 *Strategic Plan* is hereby adopted.
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11 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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13 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution adopting The Washington County Aquatic Invasive
14 Species Strategic Plan.
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16 APPROVED:

17 Kimberly A. Nass
18 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney

19 Dated 2/12/13

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21 Considered 2/12/13

22 Adopted 2/12/13

23 Ayes 28 Noes 1 Absent 1

24 Voice Vote _____

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26 (No fiscal effect.)

Introduced by members of the LAND

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

as filed with the County Clerk.

Michael R. Miller

Michael R. Miller, Chairperson

Land Conservation Committee

