

FOCUS ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



ITASCA WATERS

Team Up for Clean Waters



"Aquatic invasive species are destroying the environment, damaging fisheries, and costing American taxpayers billion of dollars annually."

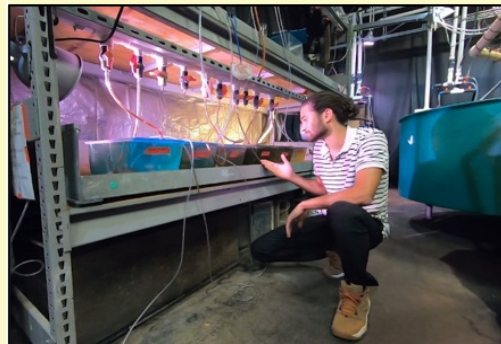
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Yet there is so much we can do!

Save the Date! May 5th at Noon

Itasca Waters presents the second in our online webinar series, "From the Lab to the Lake: Minnesota's Fight Against Invasive Species".

Dr. Nick Phelps, Director of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRD) will present the progress being made on how to control aquatic invasive species (AIS). He will highlight AIS of greatest concern to Itasca County and will provide research-based solutions to mitigate their impacts. The one hour program will include questions from participants.



[Click here to register!](#)

Use a FiveStar Provider!

Planning to put your dock in this spring?

Choose a **FiveStar Service Provider** when installing or removing your dock and when planning landscaping. FiveStar Service Providers are DNR-certified. These providers apply specific AIS (aquatic invasive species) prevention safeguards when moving from one waterbody to another. They have agreed to help identify and disseminate AIS best practices and safeguards throughout Itasca County.



[See the full list of FiveStar Providers here!](#)

Interested in becoming a trained AIS Detector?



Become an AIS Detector

FREE online course for those with a substantial interest in Itasca County Waters!

An introduction to aquatic invasive species (AIS) science, identification, and surveillance. You will learn how to report invasive species, about best practices for preventing the spread of AIS, relevant rules and regulations, and how to search for AIS on your own. Phase 1 is 8–10 hours of online, self-paced study and must be completed before Phase 2. Phase 2 is a two day, 3-hour online workshop on **June 13 and 14**. You must be over the age of 18 and complete both Phase 1 and 2 to become a certified AIS Detector.



Registration is open now! For more information go to ItascaWaters.org/waterwisdom, scan the QR code, or contact: Bill.Grantges@ItascaSWCD.org or 218–256–4243

Deadline to order is April 22

Native Plant Sale

A reminder..the Soil and Conservation District in Grand Rapids has a plant sale going on until April 22. Order online and pick up May 19 and 20 at their office, 1895 W US Highway 2. It's a great way of stocking up on native plants!

[Click here to go directly to the plant sale page!](#)



Upcoming Events:

"Students are an integral part of improving the culture on water science in Itasca County"
~ David Lick



**Youth Water Summit
is ON!
May 24, 2022**

Back after a two year absence, the popular Youth Water Summit for Itasca County Fifth Grade students could use your help. Volunteers are needed the day of the event for various tasks such as helping direct student groups to the various educational exhibits.

For more information, or to help out, please contact info@itascawaters.org

April webinar available on our website

Itasca Waters has embarked on an exciting new venture by offering an online learning opportunity the first Thursday of each month that is conveniently held over the lunch hour, from noon to 1 pm.

The first session was on April 7th titled **"Clear Information On Murky Lakes: How to keep them Minnesota Nice"** by Dr. John Downing, Director at MN Sea Grant. If you missed this webinar and would like to learn more about murky lakes and what you can do to keep them "Minnesota Nice", go to our website [Itasca Waters/Water Wisdom](http://ItascaWaters.org). Click on the link next to Dr. Downing's program. You will be able to watch a recorded version of the program. You might be surprised at what you'll learn!



Meet your new Coordinator...

Hello everyone! I'm Bethann Perendy, your new Coordinator here at Itasca Waters. Having lived on the water, both salt and fresh most of my life, I'm very excited to be a part of this organization of talented, knowledgeable, and energetic people.

Please feel free to call or drop me a line anytime! 218-256-9685



[Email your Coordinator](#)

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