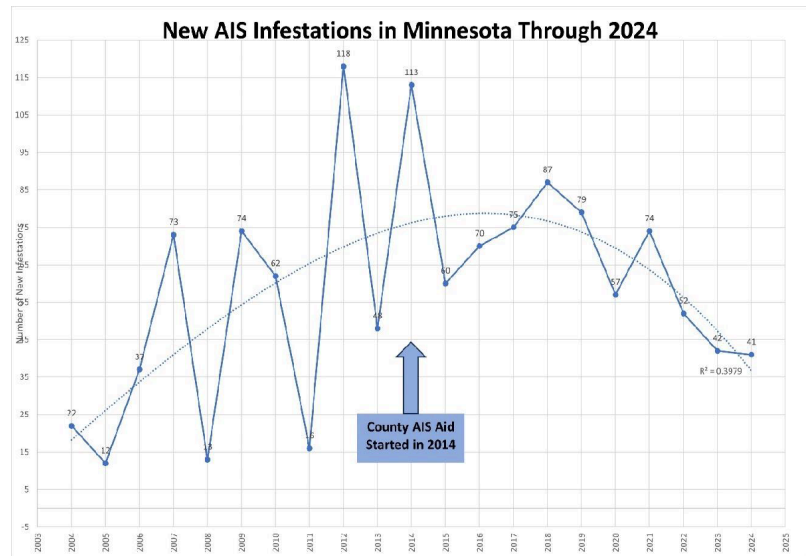


Aquatic Invasive Species Aid

Minnesota is a national leader on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) management.

Minnesota is the only state in the nation that invests AIS Prevention Aid funding to local communities for development and implementation of local prevention programs.

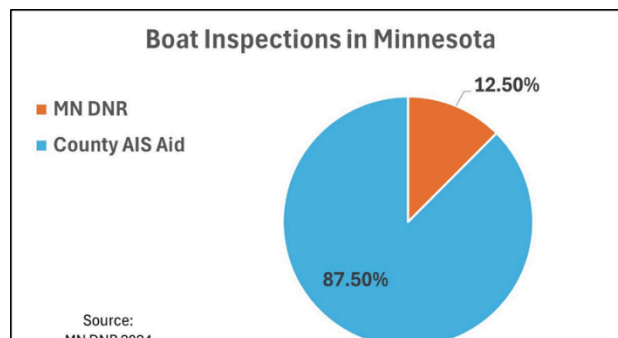
Based on MN DNR's Infested Waters data, spread of AIS has considerably slowed since 2015 which is directly correlated with the investment of AIS Prevention Aid funding.



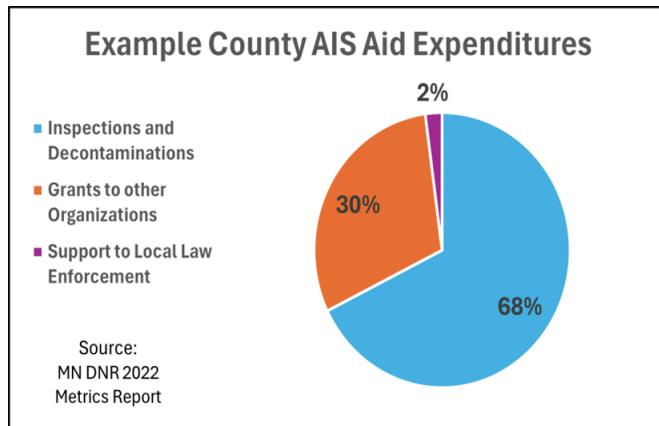
Only 8% of Minnesota's waters are listed as infested with AIS.
(2025 Infested Waters List)

AIS PREVENTION AID FUNDING IS WORKING, LITERALLY!

- AIS Prevention Aid supported an average of 883 jobs and leveraged 7305 hours contributed by 538 volunteers.
- AIS Prevention Aid funded grant programs award around \$1.8M annually to 200 local partner's projects leveraging over \$1.2M in additional funding.
- AIS Prevention Aid programs conducted AIS surveys on over 640 lakes and rivers in 2022 resulting in 45 new AIS infestations detected in 35 Counties and reported to MN DNR.



Aquatic Invasive Species Aid



AIS PREVENTION IS A TEAM EFFORT

- ☐ Networks involved 285 lake associations, over 40 conservation groups, 250 businesses, 80 schools/youth organizations and 145 local governments
- ☐ Local planning and implementation efforts have been guided by 35 county AIS task forces and committees which are largely supported by county AIS plans
- ☐ Enforcement by training 112 local officers who enforced AIS laws in nearly 20 counties reaching over 5,600 boaters
- ☐ Communications and outreach which educated nearly 39,000 residents and visitors during nearly 190 public events, over 30 counties that taught nearly 13,400 children about AIS prevention and 25 counties posted prevention messages on social media



“Without County AIS Aid funding we wouldn’t have a program. And every decrease in funding will result in a proportional decrease in our program’s activities putting Minnesota’s lakes at greater risk.”

Steve Henry - Cass County AIS Program Coordinator