

Carver County Aquatic Invasive Species 2017

WMO Advisory Committee

February 28, 2017

Agenda / Topics

- Proposed 2017 AIS Program
- Inspection Services
- Decontamination Services
- 2017 Partnerships
- Plans for “Roving Lakes”
- Stakeholder Input/Citizen Involvement

Proposed 2017 AIS Program

- 2017 Total Annual Program Budget = 268,000 (est)
- “Priority Lake Concept”
 - *County and Partners/Stakeholders determine level of inspection service*
 - *County determines “Base Service” built by Lake Priority Plan*
 - Dedicated service to high priority lakes
 - Roving inspection service to other priority lakes
 - *Partner contributions & cost-share grants add “Extended Service”*
 - Partners help form lake inspection plan and schedule

Proposed 2017 AIS Program

- **Base inspection Service Begins Fishing Opener (May 14)**
 - Lake schedules vary (May 14 – Oct 31)
 - 35-40 Watercraft Inspectors Level I and II
 - Two “Lead” Inspectors plus AIS Coordinator
 - Decontamination Services Provided

Decontamination

- Lake Waconia
- **Provided mid-May through September**
 - Available in fall for docks/lifts etc. if level II staff available
 - Dedicated service weekends & holidays
 - Various times during week (TBD)

May revisit Decon Trailer tags - MNDNR Approval

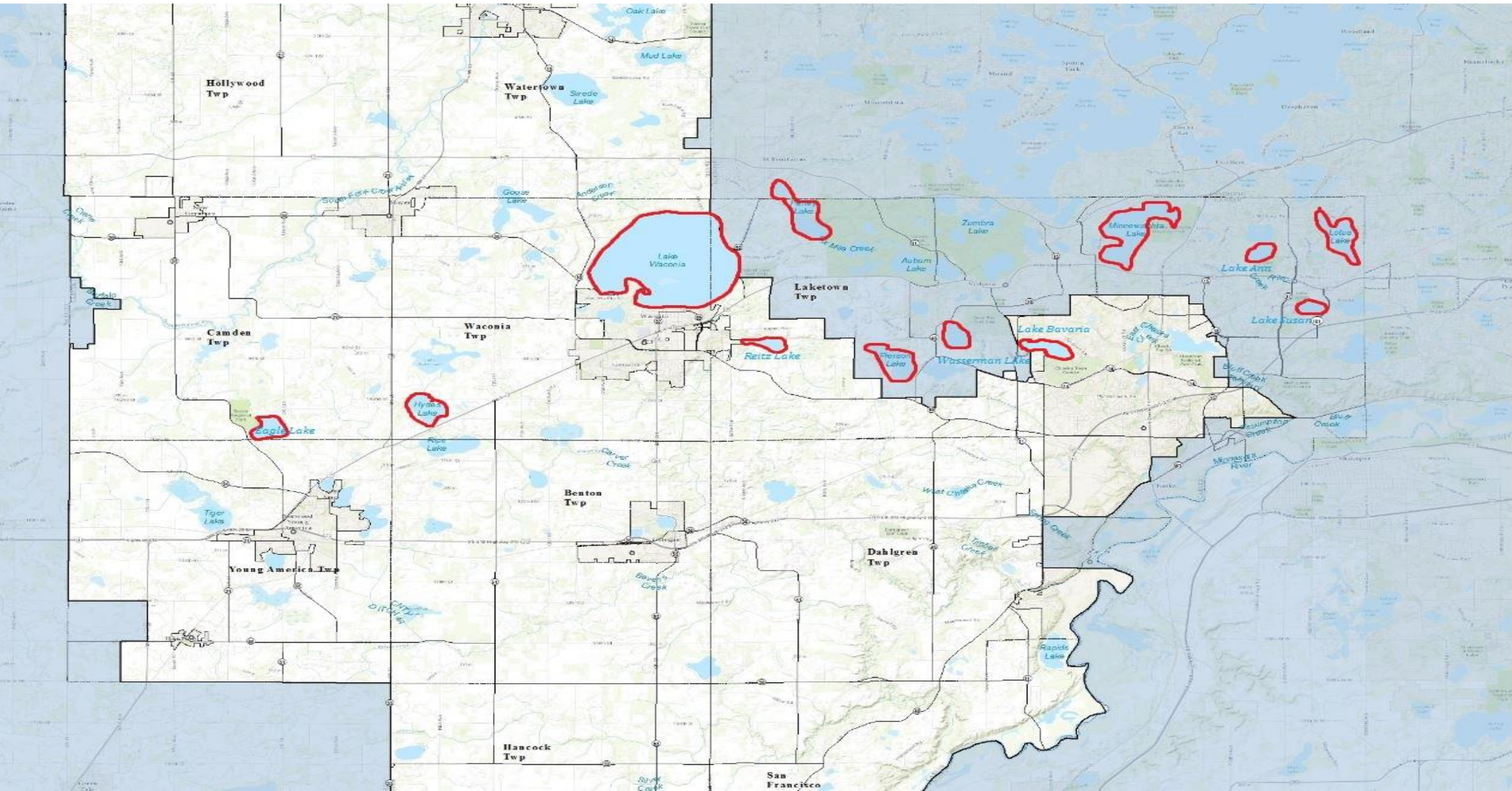
2017 Partnerships

- **Minnehaha Creek Watershed District**
 - Total Cost \$57,676
 - MCWD 50%, County 50%
 - Includes funds from:
 - Pierson's Lake Association
 - Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association
 - Inspection services for 3 lakes
 - Minnewashta- Pierson-Wasserman

2017 Partnerships

- **City of Chanhassen**

- Similar to 2016 Total Cost \$53,000 (est)
- Includes funds from:
 - Lotus Lake Conservation Alliance
 - Riley Purg. Bluff Watershed District
 - Carver County
- Inspection services for 3 lakes
 - Lotus-Susan-Ann



Options for Roving Lakes (from last meeting)

1. Roving lakes lose inspections services. ***NOT RECOMMENDED***

2. Single watercraft Inspector patrol roving lakes.

STAFF CONSIDERING



Hybrid

3. Refine lake priority plan and encourage more local funding partnerships.

STAFF CONSIDERING

Options for Roving Lakes

Addition to “Hybrid Roving Option”

- “Voluntary On-call Regional Inspections”
 - Pilot Program for 2 lakes
 - Dedicated inspections on both lakes on higher use days
 - On-call (Roving) on lower use days
 - Boaters can call for *voluntary* inspection (sign on non-staffed lake)
 - Inspector can “triage” or be there within 5 mins.

Advisory Committee Discussion

Regional Inspection Program

Possible Pilot Project

- Multiple Lakes Involved
- Boaters go to centralized location for inspection

Move Forward?

- Likely no for early 2017

Effectiveness?

- Not all pieces in place

Continue Research

**On-call Regional Inspections – Opportunity to test feasibility of voluntary inspections*

Stakeholder Input/Citizen Involvement

- **Two AIS Stakeholder Forums**
 - November 2016
 - Gathered input and ideas to shape 2017 program
 - Gathered input and ideas for prioritizing lakes for inspections
 - February 2017
 - Proposed changes/action for 2017 based on Forum I feedback
 - Discussed options & recommendations for change in funding (MCWD Roving Lakes)
 - Discussed options & recommendations regarding regional inspection idea

Next Steps

- March 14 – Board Meeting
- Continued Stakeholder Forums
 - Program changes
 - Legislative changes
 - Etc.