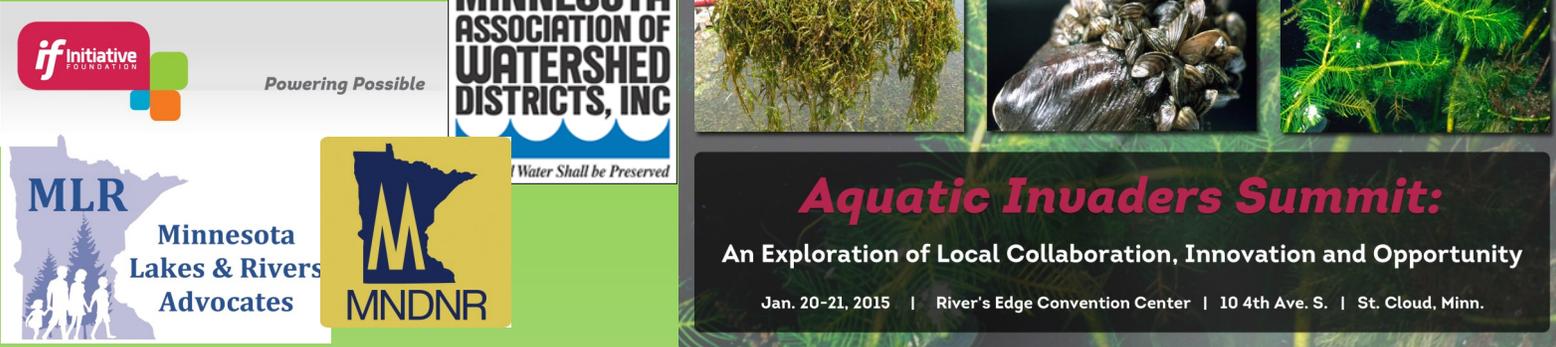


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## **Aquatic Invaders Summit ...January 20-21, 2015 Register Now!**

**Bringing together Minnesota local governments and their partners to limit and prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).**

Minnesota's lakes and rivers are among the state's greatest natural assets. Yet today, aquatic invasive species (AIS) eminently threaten the quality of these legacy resources for the enjoyment of future generations. Preventing and limiting the spread of these aquatic invaders is critical to the future of Minnesota's water resources, the state's annual \$11 billion-plus tourism industry, and the quality of life for Minnesotans and visitors who enjoy our state's waters.

### **Why Attend? Who Should Attend?**

Minnesota is gearing up to aggressively fight the spread of AIS with two new local funding opportunities passed by the 2014 legislature:

- \$4.05 million from the Outdoor Heritage Fund to the Initiative Foundation for pilot projects throughout the state for innovative approaches for local AIS prevention.
- \$10 million annually in AIS prevention aid to Minnesota counties which, working with their local partners, will plan and implement programs to prevent and limit the spread of aquatic invasive species.

**With new funding resources available, this two-day Aquatic Invaders Summit is a timely opportunity for local and tribal governments and their partners—lake associations, lake improvement districts, service providers, angling and conservation groups, hospitality industry businesses, chambers of commerce, and others—to come together to learn about resources and plan for effective, local AIS prevention.**

### **Come to the Summit to:**

Hear from national speakers about prevention programs around the country; learn more about innovative Minnesota county plans already in place; gain insights about successful communications and education tools; network with other regional leaders; and participate in the development of a Local AIS Action Framework that will be a guidance tool for local governments and their partners to utilize in planning for and allocating local AIS prevention aid.

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