



# GREAT LAKES AIS LANDING BLITZ

## Highlighting our 2024 Grant Recipients

The **Great Lakes AIS "Landing Blitz"** is a binational multi-agency yearly effort aimed at raising public awareness and promoting actions to prevent the spread of harmful aquatic invasive species (AIS). In 2024, the Great Lakes Commission awarded **more than \$50,000 to local organizations** in the Great Lakes region to host their own Landing Blitz event! The seven organizations awarded helped educate boaters about the spread AIS and demonstrated proper cleaning of watercraft.

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### 2024 GRANT AWARDDEES

#### Illinois

- Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps

#### Michigan

- Friends of the Detroit River
- Upper Peninsula Aquatic Invasive Species Educational Cooperative

#### New York

- Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association

#### Ohio

- Cleveland Metroparks

#### Wisconsin

- Burnett County Land Services Department
- Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development Council

- Grant recipients held Landing Blitz events at **55 different locations** across the Great Lakes basin. At these locations, staff, and volunteers educated over **4,000 people** about AIS! In addition, over **2,000 boaters** were educated on proper AIS inspections and boat cleaning
- To gain a wider reach, grant recipients spread the word far beyond event locations. **71 separate media engagements** covered the event and more than **83,000 people** saw information about the event on Facebook, Instagram, and/or X (Twitter)!