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Chippewa Flowage Invasive Species Education and Management Project

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Abstract Text:

The spread of aquatic invasive species within the Chippewa Flowage and other area lakes is a problem. Invasive species displace native aquatic species that are valuable for food and cover for native fauna. The purpose of this Project is to map areas of invasive species on the Chippewa Flowage, explore educational and management options for control and eradication, to provide targeted education, and to promote local leadership and capacity building.

Impact Statement:

Through education, research, outreach and management this Project has had positive impacts on the issue of invasive species in the area. Whether it be the public announcement on the tribally owned radio station, the facilitation of the release of thousands of "purple loosestrife beetles", or the annual presentations to the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Tribal Elders Association the project has been making progress in educating the public on the issue of invasive species and in combating the spread through scientific research and the facilitation of selected management techniques. Also, the project has built a collaborative network between agencies, organizations, and associations from federal, state, county, and tribal levels that deals with aquatic invasive species issues.