

## Friends of the Mukwonago River with Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

# Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Training *Free and no previous experience necessary* Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to Noon Lulu Lake Preserve, N9564 Nature Road – 1.5 miles north of Hwy J

## Already a CLMN or WAV monitor? Please join us from 1-2pm for training specific to Corbicula fluminea, an AIS clam recently spread to in-land waterways including the Mukwonago River watershed

## Please pre-register for the training by July 5<sup>th</sup> or direct questions to <u>Eric Howden</u> You can attend the training *without* committing to become a monitor Monitoring is typically undertaken on a bi-weekly or monthly basis during the warm weather months.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals and pathogens whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause harm to the environment, economy or human health. AIS can reduce or eliminate native species and recreational opportunities and negatively impact real estate prices and the over-all economy.

Many concerned individuals are looking for ways to protect their waters from AIS such as Corbicula fluminea (Asian Clam). These clams have been found in the Mukwonago River watershed but little is known about their spread, what effects they are having on native species and on the watershed in general. Friends of the Mukwonago River is spearheading an effort to establish definitive information.

Through this free event, volunteers are trained to identify and report AIS. Workshop attendees will learn AIS life cycles, how to effectively monitor, a timeline of where and when to monitor, and receive instructions on what to do if they suspect they have found an invasive plant or animal. This is a hands-on training.

### Some of the Aquatic Invasive Species of great concern in the Mukwonago River watershed

Asian Clams - Eurasian Water Milfoil - Purple Loosestrife - Rusty Crayfish - Zebra Mussels - Quagga Mussels - Spiny Waterflea - Fishhook Waterflea - Hydrilla

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