

May 26, 2022 HC COLA Committee Reports:

1) Planning:

Our HC COLA teams will be reviewed this evening: https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hubbard_county_co_la_committee_guide_version_12-20-21.pdf

2) Water Monitoring:

Peter Tuomisto - Blue Lake Association is our Coordinator of our HC COLA Water Monitoring Program and does a fantastic job of organizing and shuttling coolers for us all! Peter thanks all the water monitors who sampled this past Sunday and got their coolers to the Chamber of Commerce on Mon by 11 AM. Please check your June cooler now to make sure you have things you need and/or if you need zebra mussel veliger sampling bottle(s) for your plankton net testing for late June and around the second week in July so the bottle(s) that are preserved with 91% alcohol can be turned in with the Mon July 18th cooler . If you are missing something, please let Peter know now.

3) Restore the Shore:

Cheryl Hilgeman - Middle Crow Wing Lakes Assoc is our Coordinator for our HC COLA Restore the Shore (RTS) order and did a wonderful job of juggling the changing schedule with our late spring! Cheryl reports that all orders were delivered to the lake association RTS coordinators on May 13 & 14th. There were 13 LA participating this year. (We've had 12-14 each of the last 3 years!) Stay tuned as the process will likely be updated again next year. Many good options will continue to be available for shoreland improvement and restoration. Please start talking with your lake association (LA) now about participating next year:

- Be sure your LA RTS coordinator is named and that Cheryl and our HC COLA master list has all the updated contact information - email hccolamn@gmail.com with modifications
- Order forms will again be coming out late this Fall 2022 for delivery of orders in May 2023. Note that order will need to be completed within 2-3 weeks so there will be little time for "discussion" with your lake association then.
- Last Fall, 2021 Cheryl had a few calls about "how to participate", etc. Please contact Cheryl this summer with any questions so you can be sure your LA is ready to participate in our RTS program - email jchilgemann@arvig.net or call her
- Many thanks to all of the RTS lake assoc coordinators for your participation, your support, and your patience!

4) HC COLA's Education Team – Shoreland Advisors Update:

Shoreland Advisors are trained and willing to help coach lakeshore owners on each of your lakes that would like to slow the flow of runoff from their lakeshore to help protect water quality, for example. Lakeshore owners just email hccolamn@gmail.com with their contact information and lake name for a complimentary consultation as the lakeshore owner walks along their shoreland with our shoreland coach(es) sharing the lakeshore owner's ideas about what they would like to achieve on their shoreland for

their special lake.... Our HC COLA shoreland advisor with 15 years of Master Gardener experience is also available to speak at your lake association's meetings about the program and how to reduce runoff and erosion to help preserve the healthy water quality of our lakes.

5) HC COLA's Education Team:

About 100 Hospitality Unit Booklets by HC COLA have been distributed in April / May 2022. This booklet brings to attention, not only the AIS Operating Team's focus on Starry Stonewort and other AIS identification, but also our free decontamination station and other programs like our HC COLA Kidz zone and shoreline monitoring techniques at the lakeshore owners dock and more. See our HC COLA website for the updated educational opportunities available for visitors and residents: <https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/resort-resources.html>

6) Regional Co-Sponsor – HC COLA AIS Operating Team / Education Team:

5-26 afternoon was the final co-sponsor team meeting with Otter Tail and Becker County organizations that our HC COLA education team lead, Sharon participated in for the Upcoming June 9th MAISRC Update on Starry Stonewort, Zebra Mussel Management, Plant Survey Database and more.

Tables are going to be staffed before the session and during the extended lunch by a number of organizations, for example:

MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates will have a table where you can learn more about the Stop Starry Program and the CD3 units on Starry Stonewort infested lakes in Beltrami and Cass Counties and others through a grant with LCCMR, and a table with Nicole Kovar, DNR Invasive Species Specialist where you'll learn to identify AIS with preserved samples and some live, and tables by other co-sponsors including HC COLA.

This is a free event with the highest caliber Univ of MN AIS Research Center staff to learn from.

Lunch included with free-will offering. Registration suggested to help with planning. See the Flyer with links to agenda, speaker bios and registration attached. Please share the flyer with your lake associations which is available on our HC COLA website

https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/electronic_flyer_4.18.22.pdf

Hold these dates!

June 9th for the MAISRC Update from 9 AM to 3 PM in Detroit Lakes!

Plus our next hybrid HC COLA meeting is Thurs June 30, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Our presenter is Leif Olmanson from the Univ of MN who will help us understand the Satellite Data that is available on Water Quality on lakes in MN. Intriguing and helpful! Meeting schedule info available on our website: <https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/meeting-schedule.html>