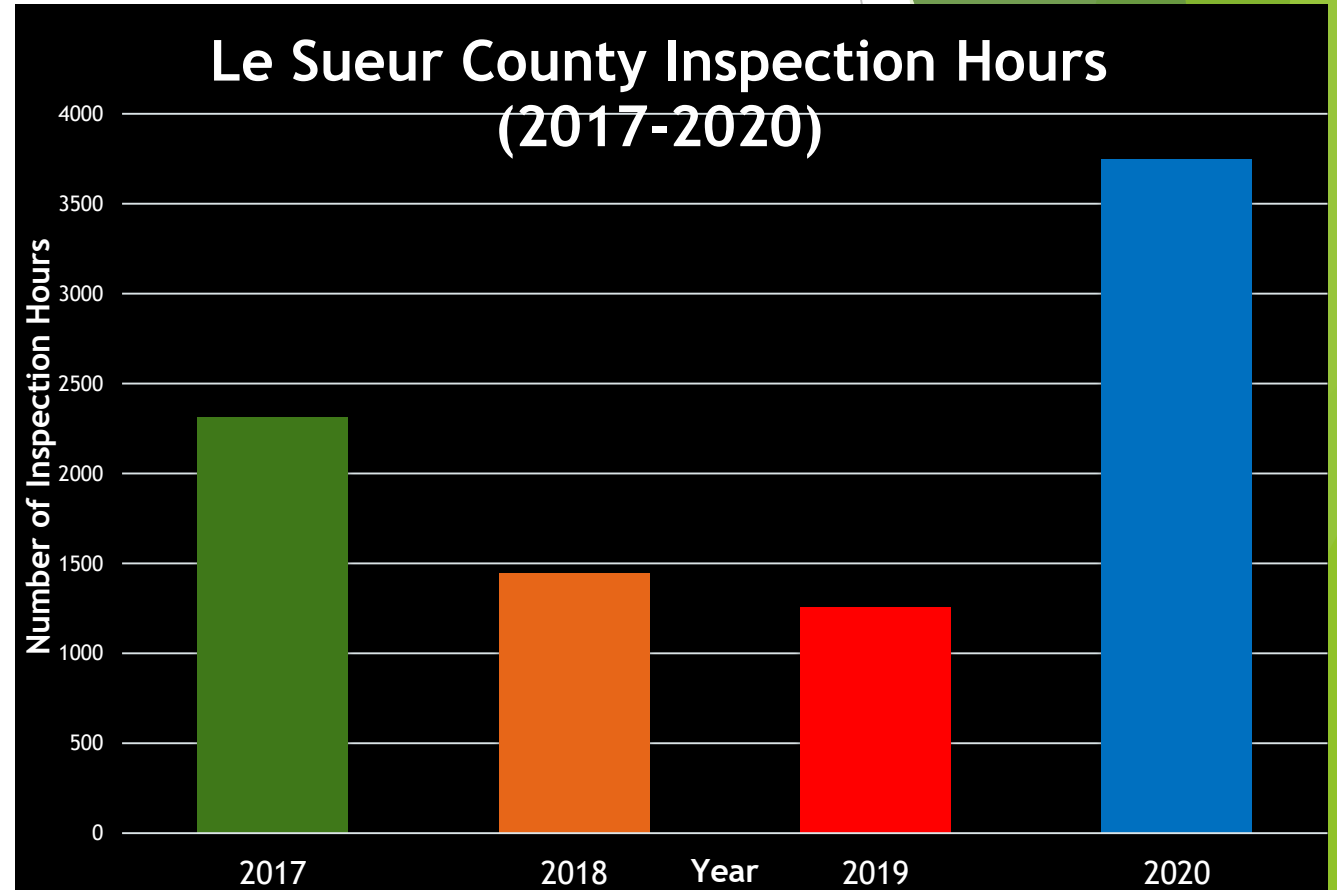


Aquatic Invasive Species

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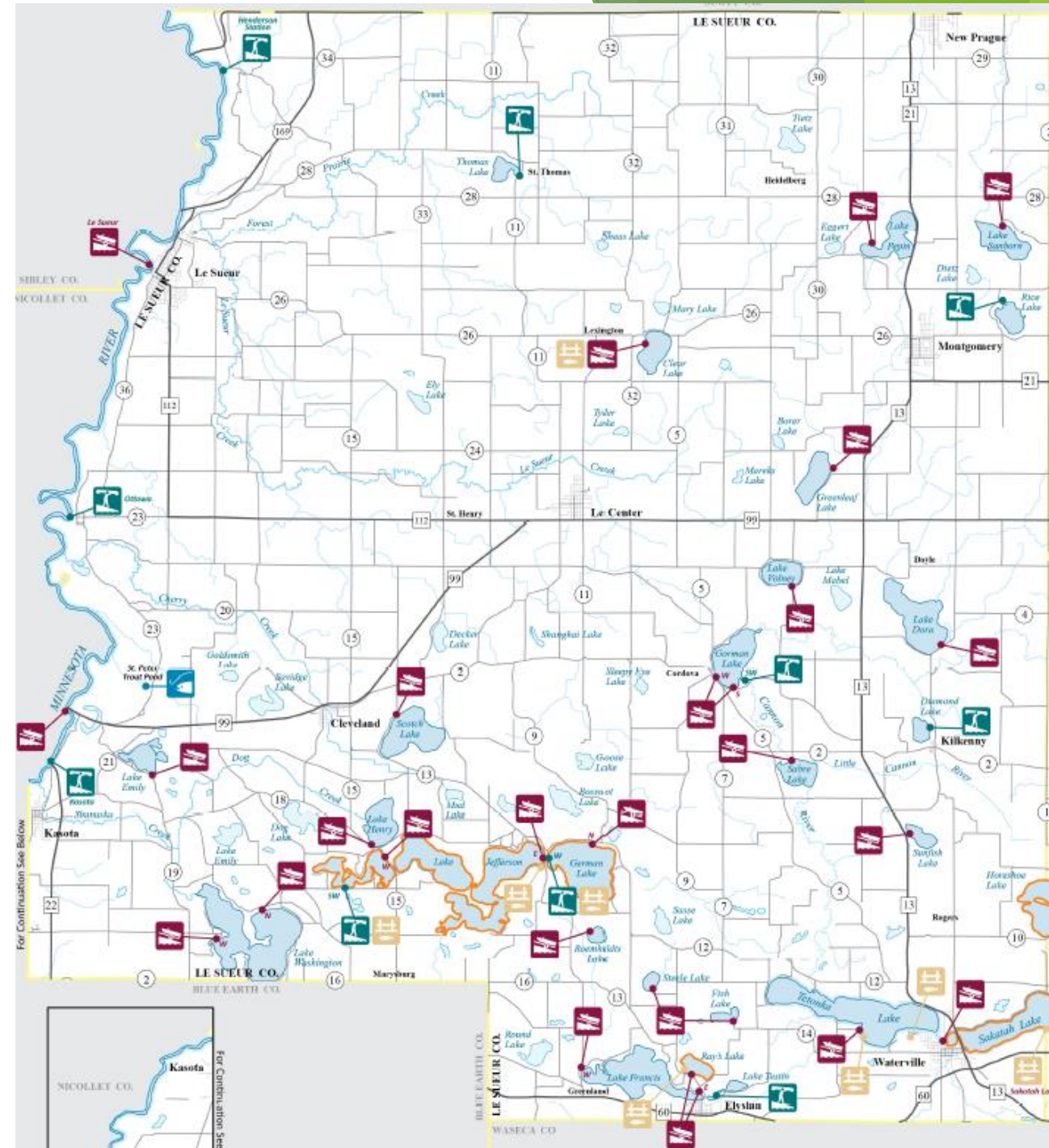
Watercraft Inspections

- ▶ Included WaterGuards LLC, City of Waterville, and Sheriff's Department
 - ▶ Combined for a total of 3,783.75 hours!
 - ▶ 15 accesses and 13 waterbodies covered



Watercraft Inspections in 2021

- ▶ Additional Lakes, accesses, and/or hours
 - ▶ Use AIS Explorer tool
 - ▶ <https://www.aisexplorer.umn.edu/#/>
 - ▶ Suggests additional lakes
 - ▶ Scotch, Pepin, Dora, Greenleaf, Sabre, Clear (inspect 90%-95% of risky boats for all 4 species)
 - ▶ Fish, Roemhildts, Round, Steele, Sunfish, Diamond, Dietz, Eggert, Unnamed?
 - ▶ A few lakes that are outside of Le Sueur County but still greatly impacts risk for AIS
 - ▶ Talk with Rice County & Waseca County
 - ▶ Coordination (Elysian, Lily, and Horseshoe)



Watercraft Inspections in 2021

- ▶ Increase hours to 3,165.5
 - ▶ 2020 had 2,812.5 hours
 - ▶ Roughly \$8,200 difference in costs
- ▶ Add the following lakes: Pepin, Scotch, Dora, Greenleaf, Sabre, Clear
 - ▶ Minimize hours for now because we are unsure of how active the launches are
 - ▶ 50-100 hours scheduled
- ▶ Decrease hours for Gorman, Rays, and Volney lakes
 - ▶ Not as much activity as initially thought
- ▶ Increase hours for Lake Francis
 - ▶ High risk
- ▶ Set aside 50 hours for Pepin, Scotch, Dora, and Greenleaf lakes
 - ▶ These hours will be used for fall, specifically, in the hope for targeting waterfowl hunters

Watercraft Inspections in 2021

- ▶ WaterGuards LLC Proposal
- ▶ Waterfront Restorations Proposal

Education & Outreach

- ▶ Difficult in 2020, and anticipate 2021 having same limitations as well
- ▶ Climb Theatre (Proposal)
 - ▶ Schools
 - ▶ Fishing Tournaments
- ▶ AIS Education Campaign (Proposal)
 - ▶ 97.5 Radio Station