



“I don’t want to be alarmist and I didn’t say this is going to happen, but if I were in an adjacent watershed and I knew what I knew, I’d be getting my plan together. I would not wait until I had (Starry Stonewort),” John Rodgers Clemson University professor and expert on the invasive species



In just a few years Starry Stonewort, an aquatic invasive species (AIS), has infested large areas of Lake Koronis.

<http://www.fox9.com/news/194935704-story>



Starry Stonewort displaces native plants that provide critical habitat and grows in mats so dense that not even fish can penetrate.

Lake Koronis Association has been able to line up \$400,000 in grant funds to date, but still needs to raise another \$400,000 for the five-year, pilot management program.

- Kevin Farnum, Lake Koronis Association



Responding to an infestation is complicated, costly and to be effective often requires participation by lake associations, local, county and state government.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRE1G1Mtysg>

Learn more about Starry Stonewort and other aquatic invasive species in Minnesota:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MS2frO0QWHI>

Limiting the spread of AIS is far more cost effective than responding to a new infestation.

The Starry Stonewort infestation on Lake Koronis has had dramatic impacts on property values and property sales on Lake Koronis. The implications for tax revenue from the affected properties are significant. This lost revenue must be replaced by taxes generated from other properties in the county.

To learn more AIS and resources available to county agencies please Tina Wolbers, tina.wolbers@state.mn.us or Phil Hunsicker, Philip.Hunsicker@state.mn.us of the Minnesota DNR.