BACKGROUND
The 2013-2023 DRAFT Comprehensive Plan directs the District to annually update the list of aquatic invasive species (AIS) that are at high risk for introduction into the watershed.

To identify the relative threats of individual nonnative species, the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council ranked the threat of numerous nonnative species to Minnesota, including those:
- with established populations in the state (established),
- that have been found in the state but are not established (invading)
- not known to be here (not in state).

Species that are invasive or potentially invasive were placed in several categories of threat: Severe, Moderate, Minimal, and Watch/Unknown Threat. Some species were —considered, but not ranked if they are unlikely to pose any threats in Minnesota. And other species that are —severe threats in other locations, but could not establish in Minnesota were identified.

Each species was evaluated for its threat to several —impacted areas:
- native species/natural communities,
- use of natural resources,
- agribusiness,
- landscaped areas,
- human health,
- structures and stored products.
ISSUES/CONCERNS

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Related District Actions
The District is also in the process of developing an AIS plan. The plan will analyze BMPs for the established and invading species and review the District’s activities involving
1. Prevention
2. Early Detection and Rapid Response
3. Containment and Restoration
4. Education, Training and Public Outreach
5. Research

OPTIONS
Support State and local efforts geared toward
- Public Education
- Prevention
- Early detect
- Eradication

RECOMMENDATION
Receive report