

Cisco Chain AIS Program for 2020

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The overall budget for 2020 is \$107,000. This budget accounts for *all* AIS activities performed on the Chain to be benefit of the CCROA members and all people owning property on the Chain. This spend is covered by the special taxing districts, various grants we are able to secure, work performed by our partners, and monies drawn from the CCROA General Fund. This budget appears as a sharp increase from that published in 2019 of \$49,600. The 2019 AIS budget did not include many of the activities described in this budget. This year we opted to include all activities so that Chain residents can see the activities and how they are funded. As we discuss below, you will see how we are able to leverage our tax district funding to cover more than double the work. The breakdown of our budget is as follows:

Activity	Total Cost	Funding Source			
		Tax Districts	Grants	CCROA Gen'l Fund	ISCCW
AIS Monitoring and Surveys	\$15,291	\$3,073	\$9,218		\$3,000
Survey, Dive, DASH EWM	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Chemical Treatments	\$30,000	\$30,000			
Water Quality	\$18,616	\$1,449	\$9,087	\$8,080	
Boat Landing Inspections & Washes	\$15,280	\$985	\$2,955		\$11,340
AIS Education	\$6,615				\$6,615
Permits for AIS Activities	\$1,275	\$1,275			
Total	\$107,077	\$46,782	\$31,261	\$8,080	\$20,955

The AIS Monitoring & Survey work is on Mamie, Cisco, Thousand Island and Clearwater Lakes largely funded by a Grant from UPPC/BFIT. The ISCCW funds some more work on other lakes not covered by grants. The Survey, Dive and DASH work is performed on other lakes and is partially covered by USFS and WDNR grants. Chemical Treatment work will focus on Big Lake in 4 areas totaling 8.5 acres. We are using a new more expensive chemical that we successfully piloted last year (\$17,000 application cost). We then have a provision of \$13,000 on additional work that we may see in several Michigan lakes. Water Quality work consists of our Vegetation Mapping work that we have been doing for several years, and a Temperature Monitoring program largely funded by UPPC/BFIT. Volunteers will continue our secchi disk (water clarity) program at no cost to the CCROA. The ISCCW continues to provide the Chain with valuable Boat Landing and Educational activities.

We are able to leverage \$107,000 of work on \$46,800 in Tax District funds. That is more than doubling our efforts by seeking funding through grants and valued partners. As a reminder, approximately 140 of the 400 ISCCW members are Chain residents. You contribute \$14,000 to the ISCCW, helping to fund their activities that directly benefit the Chain. Please continue your memberships and if you are not an ISCCW member, please consider joining this valued partner.