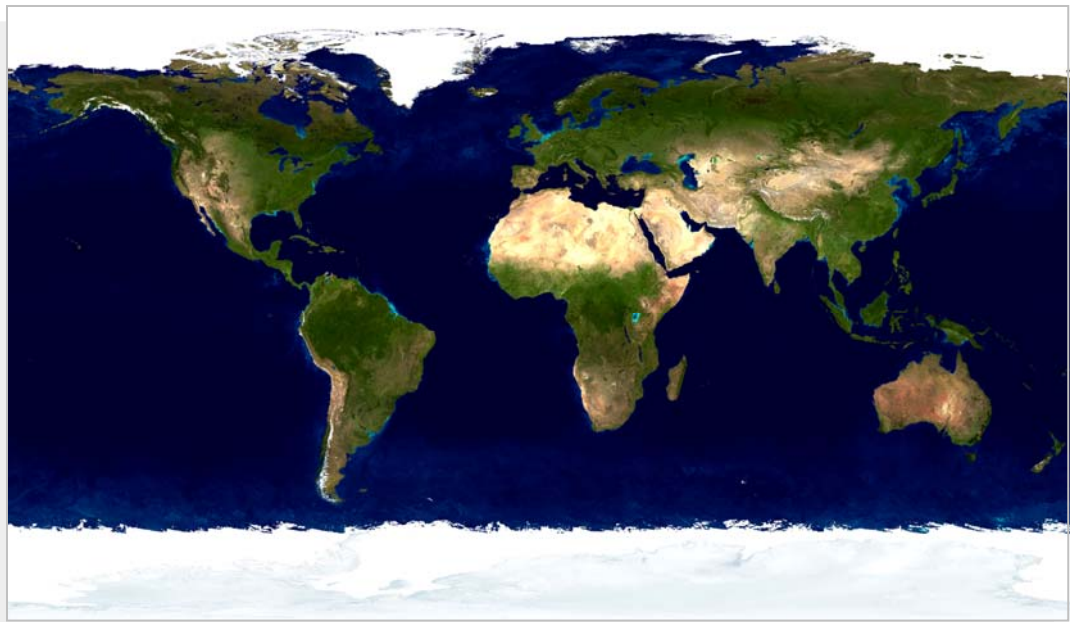


# History & Experience



## History & Experience of Aquarius Systems in Surface Water Management

**Over the last five decades, D&D Products Inc.** has designed and manufactured surface water management equipment that has been sold worldwide. Our initial product line - the aquatic plant harvesters - cleared recreational waterways of nuisance aquatic plants. More importantly however, they provided a safe alternative to the highly toxic herbicides commonly used at the time.



We offer seven standard sized harvesters ranging from 4' to 10' (1,22 to 3,00 meters) wide and a full line of support equipment, including: transport barges, shore conveyors, pier conveyors, standard trailers, combination trailer conveyors, tilt deck trailers and tilt deck trailer conveyors.

In the 1970s, growing environmental concerns about pollution pressured governments into cleaning up lakes, rivers and oceans. The critical need to improve water quality came to the forefront of public awareness, and the dire condition of our waterways called for immediate action.



Our existing harvester design was easily evolved into a vessel that could pick up floating debris, and thus the trash skimmer was born.

Those early trash skimmers have since developed into the sleek, highly efficient Trash Hunters offered today.

**Our product line has since expanded** to serve a wide variety of waterways management needs.



The powerful Swamp Devil® is a heavy duty aquatic restoration tool. Designed to plow through densely matted vegetation, the Swamp Devil effortlessly shreds water hyacinth, cattails, bogs, small trees, tussocks and other vegetation that cannot be managed with traditional harvesting equipment.



The Amphibious Excavator is a specialized machine that features a barge mounted backhoe and stabilizer legs. The Amphibious Excavator is designed to work in wetlands, along shorelines and in other areas that are often inaccessible to conventional track mounted diggers.



The Weed Tow Boats are designed to clean nuisance aquatic plants out of deep water drainage canals. Outfitted with a plow that is lowered off the stern and dragged along the channel bottom, vegetation is ripped loose at the roots. The severed weeds then float to the surface and are scooped up in the front end loader to be deposited on shore for disposal.



**Our headquarters is located in North Prairie, Wisconsin U.S.A.,** about thirty miles (fifty kilometers) west of Milwaukee. We also maintain sales offices in Southeast Asia, Australia, Africa and South America.



Completed in the late 1990s, our manufacturing facility was specially designed for the fabrication of our surface water management equipment. This factory includes 30,000 feet<sup>3</sup> (2800 meters<sup>3</sup>) of manufacturing floor space and 3500 feet<sup>3</sup> (325 meters<sup>3</sup>) of office space.



Many outstanding points distinguish Aquarius Systems as the industry leader. We are the oldest and most experienced manufacturer of aquatic plant harvesters *in the world*. We have produced thousands of machines that have been sold across the U.S. and in forty countries worldwide. We are also the only major manufacturer to offer equipment built in the United States - an important consideration in the U.S., where federal regulations known as “The Jones Act” greatly restrict and often prohibit the use of foreign built harvesters and trash skimmers.

All equipment is designed using the latest technology in marine engineering to ensure that all vessels are of heavy-duty construction while still allowing for maximum payload. All manufacturing takes place at our headquarters in Wisconsin; we do not subcontract any portion of the fabrication.



Our engineering and computer aided design (CAD) departments are in house, allowing full time monitoring of our quality control systems. All engineering and design are under the direction of a marine engineer with over twenty-six years of experience in the ship building industry.

With a fully stocked parts department and three courier stops per day, our aftermarket support is unrivaled. Parts orders received by 2 p.m. are typically shipped out the same day; express shipping is available for next day delivery to nearly all areas in the U.S. and three day delivery to most international destinations.



Our service technicians are available via telephone or email during normal business hours year-round, with extended hours during peak operating seasons.

**D&D Products was founded in 1964** by John Dauffenbach and his brother Doug. John had been active in manufacturing similar equipment since the 1950s, and his innovative ideas provided the basis for much of the equipment in service today. D&D Products remains a family owned business now offering water management equipment under the brand name “Aquarius Systems”.



As the largest and oldest manufacturer of surface water management in the industry, Aquarius continues to forge new relationships for the improvement of water quality worldwide.

Our dedication to water conservation efforts around the globe has earned many accolades including: former Wisconsin Governor Scott McCallum’s Corporate Civic Award; the Wisconsin Association of Lakes’ Outstanding Lake Stewardship Award; the North American Lake Management Society’s Outstanding Corporation Award (twice); and the Aquatic Plant Management Society’s Excellence Award.

**The National Geographic Channel** featured an Aquarius Systems water management project on Lake Victoria in Kenya, Africa. This program was first broadcast in the United States on April 2, 2003, and continues to appear on the National Geographic cable channel periodically.



The Lake Victoria project was also featured in the popular children’s weekly news magazine **Time for Kids**.

Aquarius is also frequently called upon to author articles for periodicals, give presentations, conduct secondary education courses (credit & non-credit) and contribute to educational materials on the use of surface water management equipment.

