

JOIN US FOR DEC'S ANNUAL WATER CHESTNUT PULL

Help Us to Remove this Invasive Weed and Preserve Long Island's Lakes!

The removal of water chestnut is vital in preserving the natural beauty and recreational opportunities on Long Island lakes. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is excited to invite you to participate in this crucial invasive species removal event.

Come volunteer with us and support our local ecosystem's health and ensure enjoyment of our waterways for generations to come.

Where?

Mill Pond Preserve, Wantagh and/or Massapequa Lake, Massapequa

When?

Pull Dates	Pull Times
May 31	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for all dates
June 18	
June 20	
July 7	
July 19	

How?

Visit the link below to sign up for the best date and location for you: <u>https://forms.gle/6Xgie1Cx9hESTGyn8</u>



Why Join Us?

Ecosystem Health

Invasive species like water chestnut can wreak havoc on the delicate balance of our lakes, crowding out native species and disrupting the ecosystem.

Preserving Long Island's Lifestyle

Help protect the activities and traditions that make Long Island special, from leisurely angling to adventurous kayaking.

Gear is Provided DEC will provide waders for those in need and kayaks for select volunteers.

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