



Enjoy the water while helping the lake!

PLEASE JOIN LMCA WATER CHESTNUT PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The water chestnut plant is perhaps Lake Musconetcong's most imminent threat with the real potential to cover all of our 330 acres. Helping to eliminate this very serious problem is about the most important thing we can all do to help Lake Musconetcong survive and thrive.

To combat this infestation, the LMCA is establishing an “**Adopt a Shoreline**” water chestnut program to complement our existing “**Water Scouts**” program.

Shoreline “adopters” will be assigned their own zone of Lake Musconetcong to check monthly for water chestnuts, while “scouts” continue to come out as little or much as they'd like to help in varying areas.

While everyone is encouraged to use their own canoes, kayaks, and boats, the LMCA does have a limited number of canoes and life jackets for those without their own equipment.

The goal remains to survey Lake Musconetcong to find and remove sporadic water chestnut plants at their early stages in a thorough, reliable, and systematic way.

For “Adopt” we are looking for at least 30 very dedicated volunteers to be custodians of about 400 feet of shoreline all season long. You can sign up as an individual, family or as a civic, youth or other group.

We'll ask all adopters to go out once or twice a month to thoroughly survey their zones, from the shoreline out towards the middle of the lake. If you find any water chestnut plants, pull them. If you find a patch larger than you can handle, let us know and we'll organize a group pull with you.

Adopting a shoreline should most beneficial to lakefront residents but everyone is very welcome. If you do live on the lake, we'll assign you a zone close as possible to your home.

Once a month, the LMCA will email all adopters to ask for a report of their findings.

If you can't make a monthly commitment but would like to help, please sign onto “Water Scouts”.

In some areas, very few water chestnut plants will be found. But is important to repeatedly check and pull what does pop up as soon possible to prevent future infestation of your area and the rest of the lake by this invasive, dense, highly prolific, and incredibly fast growing weed.

Instructions for identification, pulling, and proper disposal of water chestnuts will be provided, as well as safety guidelines.

For more information, or to sign on to either “Adopt A Shoreline” or to serve as an occasional “Water Scout”, please email info@LMCAnj.org or call or text 973-479-6164.

Your friends and neighbors of the Lake Musconetcong Community Association LMCAnj.org