



# VOLUNTEER!



## Help Harvest Water Chestnut

**Paddle & Pluck Plants** **FRIDAYS 6/25, 7/2 and 7/9 @ 10 am**



### Invasives Sparse in Turner Reservoir

- Plants are easily pulled from water by hand
- Removing them stops plants from spreading
- Must pull plants out before seeds form in Aug

### Volunteer Efforts in East Providence, RI

- Gloves will be provided to protect hands
- Paddlers must bring canoe/kayak, & life vest
- Bring bucket, laundry basket, or milk crate
- Expect to get wet/muddy, dress accordingly
- Interested? Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/MaTFC67P4jVWQL2A>



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It is estimated that there is invasive water chestnut in approximately 15 locations in the Ten Mile River Watershed. Invasives impede fishing and boating opportunities, threaten a healthy balance of native plants, and will be costly to manage long-term. These plants will reproduce by seed if left to grow, but removal of just ONE young plant can prevent having to pull 150-200 plants next year, and volunteer efforts will gradually reduce plant coverage more and more each year. It is expected that a larger volunteer effort in 2021 will dramatically reduce the seed bank in Turner Reservoir and reduce efforts required next year.