

# Working Together to Protect Our Water... and to Manage Invasive Species

## A great regional resource you may never have heard of! The Western New York Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (WNYPRISM):

- **Coordinates** with its partners to protect our natural resources
- **Provides priority levels** and how to remove invasive species
  - Aquatic Eurasian watermilfoil and Curly leaf pondweed are in the lowest priority category because they cannot be eradicated
- **Recommends** that invasive species removal should also protect high priority resources like rare species or recreation assets

## A great local resource you probably have heard of! The Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC):

- **Provides education** and programs about invasive species
- **Collaborates** with WNYPRISM and Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy to monitor and remove water chestnut in our watershed.
- **Provides** hands-on volunteer opportunities for monitoring and removal
- **Eradication of water chestnut IS possible** because it has been discovered early and many volunteers are removing it properly.



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### Proud partners of WNYPRISM and Audubon:

Chautauqua-Conewango Consortium, A Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate,  
Chautauqua Lake Association (CLA), Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy  
(CWC), Conewango Creek Watershed Association (CCWA)

### **Eradication of the two aquatic invasive species, Eurasian milfoil and curly leaf pondweed in Chautauqua Lake, IS NOT feasible.**

- They are too well established, they are vital to the fishery,  
and they help reduce harmful algal blooms

**Ask our local officials to stop spending tax and local foundation  
dollars on herbicides that are NOT protecting our rare species or  
improving our recreation assets.**



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