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## **Water chestnut hunt starts today**

MILFORD \_ The Goodyear Lake Association is organizing a two-day effort this week to eradicate a patch of water chestnuts in the lake.

With the assistance of the Otsego County Conservation Association, the Goodyear Lake Association will be working on a 2-acre area of the lake today and Thursday.

Water chestnuts are an invasive species known to clog out native vegetation and other aquatic life.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the state Route 28 pull-off in Portlandville, just south of Blue Bonnet Antiques, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. both days.

Those living on or near the lake are invited to row to the meeting site. Participants are asked to bring gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent, drinking water and clothes they don't mind getting wet.

The water chestnuts will be pulled by hand.

Those interested in volunteering may call Bruce Shultis, president of the Goodyear Lake Association, at 432-8698 or Erik Miller of OCCA at 547-4488 for more information.