

# Come Paddle the Peconic River and help Eradicate *Ludwigia*!



## Volunteers Needed July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

**Who:** Anyone! The Peconic Estuary Program, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, The Nature Conservancy, Fresh Water Anglers of Long Island, Long Island Bassmasters, and Peconic Lake Estates Civic Organization are the main project sponsors.

**What:** Hand removal of invasive aquatic plant from the Peconic River. Pulled plants will be transferred from boats to an onshore dumpster for transport to a composting facility for environmentally sound disposal.

**When:** Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> , 9am- 3pm & Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> , 9am-3pm. Rain or shine!

**Where:** Peconic Lake Estates Civic Organization (PLECO), Calverton, NY.

Directions: *From Western Long Island:* Take Long Island Expressway to Exit 71 (Route 24). Go to end of exit ramp and turn right on County Road 24. Make first left onto South River Rd. PLECO property will be on left side after about 1 mile, just west of the intersection with Pinehurst Blvd.

*From Eastern Long Island:* Go west on Route 25. Turn left at Forge Rd (just east of Tanger Mall). Follow Forge Rd over Peconic River and veer right on South River Rd. PLECO property will be on right side after about ½ mile, just west of the intersection with Pinehurst Blvd.

**What to Bring:** CANOES and KAYAKS (if possible), life jackets, fellow volunteers, waders, gloves, sunscreen, beverages. Canoes MAY be provided for volunteers without boats. Lunch will be provided!

**Sign-Up to Volunteer** by contacting Laura Stephenson of the NYSDEC and Peconic Estuary Program at 631.444.0871 or [lbstephe@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:lbstephe@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Please **RSVP in advance** and note whether or not you'll be bringing your own boat or if we need to arrange for additional boats.

Please also visit [www.peconicestuary.org](http://www.peconicestuary.org) for more information!

