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Day 24: Greenest

It was a brisk, fall day as I decided to walk down a path I had never taken before. On my way down the hill behind my dorm, the sun decided to shine on this singular tree, basking it in a yellow glow. The sun only illuminated the beauty of the tree further, showcasing the majestic array of leaves in red, orange, and yellow. It also shown on the tree in a way as to not hide the natural colors of the tree but enhance the fine line between the green leaves and the red ones, signifying a subtleness as the seasons change from summer to autumn. Despite the captivating sight, I couldn't help be notice that as I got closer, I noticed that the trees in the area were spaced out and that there actually aren't that many on my campus. This can be potentially harmful to the wildlife on campus as there are squirrels and other animals that rely on these trees for habitation and nourishment. My solution to this would be something as simple as to plant more trees and start my campus on the path of nurturing these trees so that the future generations may see an increase in the biodiversity.



The further down the path I went, the more I saw. I stumbled upon this nearly dried up river, which still had a little bit of water left.

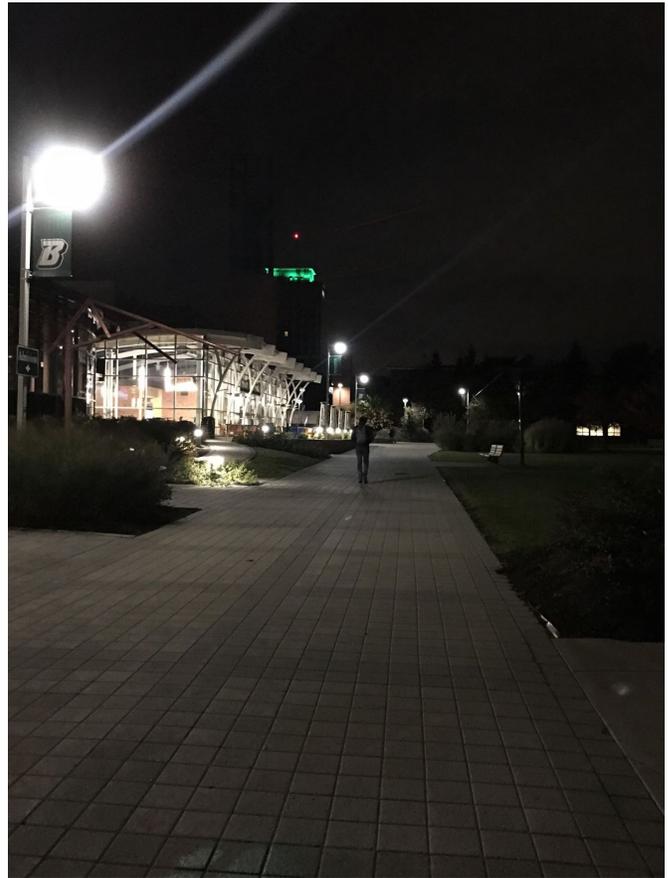
This struck a chord in my heart as I picture how even a small stream like this can be teeming with life and is a viable source of water and shelter for creatures all around. However, I was also quick to notice how close the stream was to the residential houses which is actually really damaging to the environment. These houses have waste and other things that could get into the land and water in the area, which in turn can be harmful to the wildlife in the area. Additionally, being so close to civilization can deter animals from the area, which could harm the biodiversity in the area if the wildlife can't approach the stream for water if they are afraid of the humans in

the area. A solution I have would be to put up warning signs so that people are aware the area



is for wildlife and to deter people from entering the area when its not necessary. Additionally, I would ensure that the people who do live in the area are being environmentally conscious of what they do and how the get rid of their waste, so that they don't end up contaminating the stream as to not harm the wildlife in the area.

The nightlife on my college campus is also a



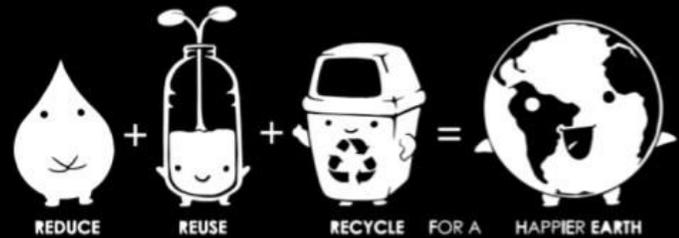
sight to behold as the buildings are illuminated with soft artificial lights. The lights provide the buildings with a sharp contrast against the pitch black night. Consequently, its these lights that actually are doing the harm. These bright lights can be disorienting for animals and can be harmful for the plants in the area. So one solution I would have is to have the lights on, but only until a certain point in the night and after that they should turn off. I understand the importance of have the lamps lights on, for safety precautions, however other building lights may be shut off. Another solution would be to have motion sensor lights so that when motion is detected, the lights will turn on and will turn off to conserve energy when there is no one outside.

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 - b. You can attract more species by providing water and food and shelter
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 - b. Help clean up and protect beaches, parks, and reserves where wild plants and animals live
3. **Volunteers your time**
 - a. Find out about environmental organizations in your area
4. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**





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Its hard to see the global changes happening on Earth on a day to day basis but climate change, loss of species, natural disasters, human encroachment and destruction of biodiversity are all very pressing issues that we need to address!!

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