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The closest body of water to where I live is the Long Island Sound. The purpose of this body of water is to transport cargo while also acting as a place to commercially/recreationally fish for shellfish. Further, it's one of Connecticut's most important and largest natural resources. Currently, what threatens the Long Island Sound is low dissolved oxygen levels due to pollution from fertilizer, treatment plants, animal waste, and more. If the Long Island Sound is lost, we will be losing not only many different species of shellfish and water organisms, but also a large economic contributor since the Sound has nearly 8 million visitors every year.

Three Things Learned:

- 1. Role of the Long Island Sound is to transport cargo and for recreational events
- 2. One of Connecticut's most important source of water
- 3. Currently what threatens it, is its low dissolved oxygen levels.

Three Things to Help:

- 1. Participate in a beach cleanup
- 2. Pick up any litter that may be around the water source
- 3. Don't dump fertilizer right before it's going to rain. This will cause the fertilizer to be flushed down a storm drain and washed into our water source.

Instagram Link:<u>https://www.instagram.com/p/CyUp7xytKLv/</u>

We created a short video to inspire our community to help save the Long Island Sound!

