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- **Gather** 3–6 people (classmates, clubmates, roommates) for a 20-minute huddle (in person or virtual).

I decided to gather with my Big Green Beans Team except for one member because she was busy. Therefore we invited one friend to join our group. We had a virtual discussion.

- Use this **agenda** as a template:
 - 3 minutes: each person shares one local climate issue they care about.

Jolyna: Plastic Pollution (Long Island Beaches)

Jivika: Light Pollution (New York City)

Hannah: Rise of Sea Levels (on Long Island)

Joanna: Biodiversity Loss (Around Long Island)

- 10 minutes: pick one issue and brainstorm three actions your group could try in the next 30 days.

We chose plastic pollution as we live on Long Island and plastic pollution in ocean waters is very common. We shared how all of us started noticing the rapid increase of plastics inside the ocean. This could lead to a more serious problem than now needing an urgent solution.

Brainstorming Three Actions:

- 1) Stop eating processed food

- 2) Offer more support in local ocean clean ups such as doing volunteering and spreading information (This option was the best choice for us since we have a lot of people we know that hold organizations and clubs dedicated in environmental action)
- 3) Stop using single used plastics and switch to metal bottles
 - 7 minutes: choose one action and assign roles + set a date.

We decided to choose the most impactful action out of the three: Offer more support in local ocean clean ups such as hands-on volunteering and spreading information.

Assigning roles :

2 people reaching out to **Environmental Club** at our school to see if they're holding ocean clean up (Jolyna and Hannah)

2 people reaching out to **Aylus (organization)** to see if they're holding ocean clean up (Jivika and Joanna)

(Anyone) When an event is decided, help spreading words that the event is happening and encourage people to join (Joanna)

Set a date:

- Jivika and Joanna reach out to Aylus by 10/23
 - Jolyna and Hannah reach out to Environmental Club by 10/30
 - Joanna: when the date is set, invite at least 5 people to go to the event.
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- **Create** a one-page Action Snapshot including the issue, goal, next step, roles, and date of your proposed action.

Action Plan

↑ Our team



Issue

According to Long Island Sound Partnership, the most recent 2024 study data concludes up to 111 debris pounds/mile in the ocean was found, many including plastics. As seen by the data, plastic pollution is a significant issue that impacts the oceans on Long Island.

Next step/Roles

Our main next step is to reach out to clubs to figure out a date for a ocean clean up. We will be reaching out two two potential places, a club and an organization, that holds ocean clean ups. We divided our roles to be two people reach out to environmental club and the other two reach out to Aylus, a student-led non-profit organization. Then, a person will encourage up to 5 people to join the ocean clean up with us.

Goal

Our team's main goal is to offer more support in local ocean clean ups with hands-on volunteering with the help of clubs. We realized this action is the most efficient and direct, as well as allowing us to understand plastic pollution better through the clean up. goal Then, aim to spread information about the event to many people and encourage them to join.

Date of our proposed action

Possible dates:

- 2 people reach out to Environmental Club by 10/30
- 2 people reach out to Aylus by 10/23
- Once the event date is set, 1 person invites 5 people to join the ocean clean up with us

- **Post** a group photo/screenshot + your Action Snapshot (photo/PDF) to Instagram with a caption naming your next step and date. Tag @TurningGreenOrg, @foe_us, and @acurebeauty and #PGC2025.

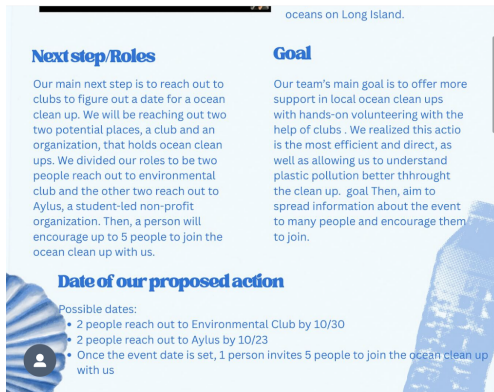
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big.green.beans Our next step is to choose a place for the ocean clean up and a date and clarify it. We will have to reach out to club and organization in order to pick a place and set a date. We will make sure all information is accurate and set before we get the actual action going on. We then expect to spread this event's information to up to five people and encouraging them to join.

Set a date:

2 group members reach out to Aylus by 10/23

2 group members reach out to Environmental Club by 10/30

1 member: when the date is set, invite at least 5 people to go to the event

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