







Deforestation:

- -Changes a forest into an area used for grazing land, logging, or urban purposes
 -Reduces biodiversity
 -Occurs even here on Long Island when a new model home or shopping center is built
 Or can occur naturally

Impacts of Deforestation:

- Can degrade carbon storage
- Throws off the regulation of water balance and river flow
- Can cause regional climate patte to change drastically over time
- increase effect of infectious diseases

Rainforests:

- Rainforests are home to two-thirds of all the living animal and plant species on Earth.
- Rainforests cover only a small part of the earth's surface - about 6%, yet they are home to over half the species of plants and animals in the world.
- Deforestation and the Global Carbon
 Cycle
- Deforestation and Biodiversity



How to save

rainforests and stop the deforestation

- Addressing deforestation
- Restoring and rehabilitating ecosystems
- Funding rainforest conservation efforts
- Expand protected areas









Acid Precipitation

What is Acid Rain?

- Term used to describe ways that acid falls from the atmosphere.
- Two Types of Acid Deposition: Wet Deposition
- Dry Deposition
- Wet Deposition~ Acid that falls in the form of rain, fog and snow. Dry Deposition~ Acid that is present in dust or smoke and sticks to the ground, cars, buildings, and trees.



Acid Precipitation • What Causes Acid Rain? Natural Causes: Volcanoes and decaying Vatural Jauses: voicances and deca vegetation. Human Causes: Factories and other productions using fossil fuels. What is in Acid Rain? Acid Rain consist of gasses such as sulfur dioxide(SO2) and nitrogen oxide (NO). These gasses react in atmosphere with water, oxygen and other chemicals to form various acidic compounds. These compounds can travel sometimes hundred of miles from prevailing winds. 1

Strect on Life

- Plants:
- Roots become damaged from the acidic rainfall.
- Acid rain can cause the growth of the plant to be killed or stunted. Nutrients in the soil can be destroyed, limiting the resources for the plants to
- take in. Waxy Layer-Cuticle can be reduced, allowing the plant to dry out and be susceptible to disease.
- · Animals:
- Acid Rain and other populations can hurt a food web.
- All organisms are interdependent on each other for energy. · If one organism is effected, everything above is effected.

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Solutions

- Reducing Acidic Lakes & other bodies of Water
 Adding large quantities of alkaline substances.
 <u>Clean Coal Technology:</u> promises to dramatically reduce the contaminants and pollutes
 that are problematic for burning coal. Over time as power plants switch to clean
 coal tech. we can help reduce pollution and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
 In which theme: In your home:

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- Only run dishwasher/washing machine with full load.
- Turn off lights in empty rooms or when you will be away from home. Turn down heat at night and when will not be at home at night. Don't use your air condition often.

- In the Yard: Keep pool covered when your not using it.



















• Loss of biodiversity causes instability in March 1987

- ecosystems
- The destruction of habitats and introduction of invasive species puts the native species at risk • for extinction.
 - In Latimer Reef, a foreign species was introduced, and has grown exponentially.
- · Impact on Humans:
 - Medicines in rainforests are being destroyed · Ex: rosy periwinkle, used in anti-cancer
- medication.
- Economic Impact:
 - Food supplies are shrinking - Number of fish species is shrinking

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DESTRUCTION OF WETLANDS

- A wetland is an area of land that is either saturated or flooded and supports vegetation.
- With the loss of wetlands has come...
- 1) the loss of valuable habitat for native species.
- 2) flooding and decreased quality of water in lakes, rivers, and tributaries.
- 3) and the extinction or endangerment of many species.

A local example of this destruction is the Hudson River Valley.
 The River Valley is home to

ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

- Wetlands are essential to an ecosystem for...
- promoting biodiversity,
 flood control.
- and Climate control.
- These waterlogged areas contain an estimated 771 billion tonnes of greenhouse gases (CO2 and methane)
 Wetlands also absorb excess water and clean the
- chemicals, sediments, and excess nutrients from the water.
- Without wetlands none of these functions could occur.
 The loss of wetlands has
- caused several floodings in the town of Bethlehem, NY.

ACTIONS NEEDED

- × Of the original 215 million acres of wetlands existing 200 years ago in the United States
- less than 100 million acres remain.
- Agricultural development was responsible for about 87 percent of this loss.
- To stop this wetland conservation programs need to be set up to help keep the areas safe and unaltered.

This program is being offered like several others right here in Nassau county.

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Water Pollution is...

- The contamination of water bodies such as likes, oceans, rivers and groundwater.
- · Caused by Human activities.
- Harmful to organisms and plants which live in/near these water bodies.
- Detrimental to the health and lives of humans as well.

Local Examples...

- There are a multitude causes for water pollution.
- Many factories leak wastes into rivers and/or oceans.
- When water runoff occurs, the water may pick up pollutants from the body of water it flows into.
- Vehicular traffic and the burning of fossil fuels are also major causes of water pollution.

This picture shows raw sewage and industrial wastes flowing into the US from Mexico via the New River

Ecological Impact...

- Aquatic Ecosystems are disturbed by water pollution.
- · Polluted water kills plants.
- Ocean Acidification- There is an ongoing pH decrease of Earth's Oceans.
- Polluted water harms the health of humans and animals that drink it.
 Economic Impact: Polluted water has a negative effect on crop yields, amount of healthy livestock and fish. All of which decrease the amount of profit of an industry.

Actions that need to be taken:

- Remove the pollutants before the water returns to the environment.
 Collect the water by a system of underground pipes-- sewers-- which carry it to one or more central treatment facilities.
- Most of these are located near bodies of water into which the treated wastewater is discharged.
- Smaller sized farms tend conserve water and apply and fertilizer to fields more responsibly, minimizing their impact on local water systems, rather than large industrial farms which do not pay close attention to their water supplies and use of fertilizer.

•This picture shows a water pollution treatment facility in Sweden

Biomagnification

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Impact

- Some of the increasing levels include mercury and DDT, chemicals that harm organisms
- Organisms higher on the food chain absorb more toxins since they eat more
- Examples: bald eagle, polar bear
- Humans who eat meat can also be affected by the chemicals

Solving the Problem

- Unfortunately, scientists don't know all of the chemicals that cause biomagnification
- Chemicals discovered to be harmful are taken off the market, but it might be too late
- The only way to eliminate the chemical completely from a food chain is to ban the product and wait.

Over-Exploitation

Over-exploitation is the excessive hunting or fishing of specific species that causes their populations to drastically decline.

Over-exploitation of species causes the loss of genetic diversity and the loss in the relative species abundance in an ecosystem.

Examples

North Atlantic region commercial fishing has been a problem.
 In the 1980's cod were over fished commercially
 by 1992 the population was less than 1% of its original population.

Decline in tablefish biomass in the North Atlantic (Christensen et al. 2003).

