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Long Island students making a difference



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Community Clean-Up

Belmont Lake State Park is looking especially green this spring thanks to students from the **Robert Moses Middle School's** Environmental Recycling Club in North Babylon. When given the opportunity to come up with a community service project, club members knew they wanted to address pollution at the Park because of its negative effects on both the plant and animal life that rely on the land and soil. They organized a community clean-up project to help remove the trash causing the pollution, and beautify the Park and its surrounding area, including the middle school campus.

The clean-up effort started with the students walking from the school through the local community and around the Park. Along the way they collected litter, including plastic bags, bottles, cans, cigarettes, and other debris. The students worked extremely hard to clean up their neighborhood to the benefit of those who utilize the Park for recreation.

When asked about their experience, student Joel August said, "We found so much litter, such as cigarettes. This clean-up impacted me by making me more mindful of my surroundings." Meanwhile, Rachel Rodriguez said, "Nature deserves to be clean and not dirty."



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