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**What's an Estuary?**

When you mix the fresh water of a river with the salt water of the sea, something wonderful happens... As if by magic, a life-supporting habitat is created for thousands of species of fish, birds and mammals.

**It's called an Estuary.**

The Barnegat Bay Estuary is distinct from all other places on earth. In fact, it is *irreplaceable*. Estuaries are the most productive ecosystems on earth, containing more life per square inch than the richest farmland or deepest forest.

**What's An Estuary? Now You Know.**

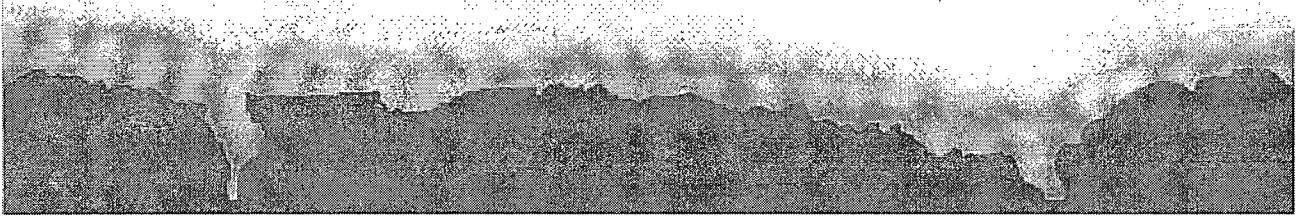
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