



Water Savers

TIP OF THE MONTH

WE NEED

SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION

to **SAVE** Our Rivers & Bay

- THEY CREATE ESSENTIAL HABITAT FOR FISH, CRABS
- THEY GENERATE OXYGEN & TRAP SEDIMENT
- THEY MITIGATE WAVE ACTION & EROSION
- THEY ABSORB EXCESS NUTRIENTS
- THEY ARE VULNERABLE TO COASTAL DEVELOPMENT & POOR WATER QUALITY

Oysters, clams and mussels clear the water of algae so SAV gets light to grow

NOW PROTECTED BY LAW, SAV WAS ONCE SO ABUNDANT, SOME WAS CLEARED OR KILLED BY HERBICIDE TO FACILITATE BOATING



DOONTAIL



WILD CELERY



HORNED PONDWEED



SEA LETTUCE (ALGAE)



REDHEAD GRASS



COMMON WATERWEED

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