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The **Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program** has recently deployed more than 700 artificial reefballs into Sarasota Bay. Several young members of the local 4-H club were on hand to help deploy about 30 reefballs the children made as part of their service to this community. The reefballs will be placed in six locations around Sarasota Bay. These specially designed concrete reefs will serve as nursery areas and habitat for many kinds of bay life. The reefballs are designed to improve areas in Sarasota Bay damaged by dredge and fill operations. Each reefball is about 4 feet by 3 feet and weighs around 400 pounds. They are made of specially reinforced concrete and are pH-balanced to fit in the bay environment.

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