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## Senator Catharine Young Announces 2015 Earth Day Poster Contest

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*Contest aims to promote environmental awareness around the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day*

ALBANY - Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I-Olean) is encouraging local students to take part in the New York State Senate's 2015 Earth Day Poster Contest, a statewide competition to encourage awareness of environmental issues.

To celebrate and honor Earth Day, which occurs on Wednesday, April 22, Senator Young and the New York State Senate are sponsoring a poster contest for children in grades K – 6. The theme for this year's Earth Day celebration is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." The winning poster will be displayed on the Senator's website and all participants will receive a certificate of appreciation. Schools wishing to take part in this year's event must submit entries by April 6, via the link on Senator Young's website, [young.nysenate.gov](http://young.nysenate.gov).

“Our communities are blessed with some of the state’s most beautiful natural environments,” said Senator Young. “Preservation of these resources, such as our lakes, rivers, forest and state parks for future generations would not be possible without events like Earth Day raising public awareness. ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ is not just a slogan for one day, it is a way of life we should all strive for every day.”

“Each year my office receives entries that display tremendous originality and vision, as well as an obvious understanding of the important environmental impact we have on our communities and our state. I look forward to seeing the students’ visions and encourage them to continue to study and learn more about the challenges facing our environment,” said Senator Young.

Senator Young and her colleagues in the Senate are using this opportunity to celebrate the great strides New York has made in helping to improve the environment. From expanding the bottle bill to promoting green energy, New York is helping to make a difference. Through their artwork, students are encouraged to be creative and convey a real commitment they are making to improve the environment.

Since the first Earth Day was celebrated 45 years ago, over 20 million Americans have participated, helping to improve the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink. In addition, landmark legislation has been passed to help support this effort, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act.