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April 22nd is Earth Day!

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April 22nd is Earth Day and all New Yorkers are encouraged to help ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy clean air and fresh water and New York's natural beauty. Protecting the environment goes hand-in-hand with protecting the residents of New York and serving the needs of the next generation. By working together to 'Go Green,' we can protect our neighborhoods and communities, as well as create jobs and stimulate economic development opportunities in green technology.

In 1970, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin declared April 22nd a promoter of environmental issues, Nelson struggled for years to thrust the evidence of environmental degradation into the political mainstream. He organized a nationwide grassroots demonstration to allow people throughout the country to speak and express their concern for the land, rivers, lakes and air. This event led to the creation of Earth Day. For more information on how to make a difference and live green, please visit the [Department of Environmental Conservation](#).