



Dear Constituent,

Wednesday, April 22 is Earth Day! We celebrate this occasion annually as a time to honor our planet and raise awareness of steps we can take to protect it and lead more sustainable lives. In that spirit, here is some environmental news along with a round-up of resources intended to help anyone looking to take some Earth-friendly actions this week, this month, and beyond.

Sincerely,
Assemblymember Dana Levenberg

Earth Day & Related Events in AD95



**PUTNAM
ENERGY**
AFFORDABILITY

PRESENTS

MAKING HOME ENERGY MORE AFFORDABLE

21st April | VIA ZOOM | At 07 PM

FREE INFO & RESOURCES

Learn how to lower your energy costs through efficiency and clean energy options. Presentation followed by Q&A.

To receive the Zoom link, register at bit.ly/AprilEnergy



Putnam Energy Affordability provides FREE home energy guidance, online resources, individual consultations and community workshops.



Sustainable
Putnam

Happening tonight - [click here](https://bit.ly/AprilEnergy) to register now!

Many of our municipalities and local environmental action committees are hosting Earth Day-related events. I hope to be in attendance at many of these events and to see you

there!

Tuesday, April 21

- **Sustainable Putnam Making Home Energy More Affordable webinar**, 7 PM.
Learn more about making home energy more affordable through efficiency upgrades and clean energy technologies. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/AprilEnergy>. This event is part of the launch of the new Putnam Energy Affordability project; visit <https://sustainableputnam.org/putnam-energy-affordability> to learn more.

Friday, April 24

- **Cortlandt Manor Mobile Shredder Event**, 10 AM - 1 PM at the Cortlandt Town Hall parking lot (1 Heady St.). Shredding personal documents promotes recycling as well as information security; bring your documents to this event or one of many others sponsored by Westchester County this month. [Click here for a full list of shredder events.](#)



Saturday, April 25

- **Battle of Yorktown Roadside Cleanup**, all day, various locations in Yorktown. [Click here for more details, including registration information.](#)
- **Yorktown E-Waste, Paint, Textiles and Car Tires Disposal Day**, 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM at the parking lot in front of the police station (1 Captain Kenneth Sgroi Plaza, Yorktown Heights). [Click here for more details about what can be disposed.](#)
- **Westchester County Household Recycling Day**, 9 AM - 3 PM at FDR State Park in Yorktown (2957 Crompond Rd., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, Lots 2 and 3). Westchester County residents can recycle a variety of household materials at this event. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Green Ossining Earth Day Festival**, 10 AM - 6 PM at Louis Engel Waterfront Park, Ossining (25 Westerly Rd., Ossining, NY 10562). Westchester's largest Earth Day festival is back for another year! My office will once again be co-hosting a booth with Senator Harckham's team; stop by!
- **Earthfest at Boscobel**, 10 AM - 1 PM. (1601 Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524). Visit with local organizations to learn about climate solutions, pollinator gardens, composting, zero waste, lending libraries, thrift shopping, electric vehicles and lawn equipment, Climate Smart Community programming, and more in a beautiful setting! [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Sunday, April 26

- **Briarcliff Manor Earth Day**, 12 PM - 4 PM (Law Memorial Park, 1031 Pleasantville Rd.)
- **Drive Electric event at Briarcliff Manor Earth Day**, 12 PM - 4 PM (Briarcliff Manor Library parking lot, 1 Library Drive). Learn more about electric vehicles! [Click here for more information.](#)

Tuesday, April 28

- **Westchester County Compost Distribution Event**, 4 PM - 7 PM at the Sprout Brook DEF Facility in Cortlandt Manor (5729 Albany Post Rd). Take home some of the compost generated from local food scraps! [Click here for more information.](#)

Wednesday, April 29

- **Croton-on-Hudson Mobile Shredder Event**, 10 AM - 1 PM at the Croton-Harmon Train Station, Lot A. (1 Croton Point Ave.)

Friday, May 1

- **Shrub Oak Mobile Shredder Event**, 10 AM - 1 PM at Shrub Oak Park (3800 Sunnyside St.)

Parks & Trails New York's
I LOVE MY PARK days

SATURDAY, MAY 2
Starting at 10am Rain Date: Sun. May 3

**On the Old Croton Aqueduct
in Croton on Hudson**
On Quaker Bridge Road, look for "Volunteers Park Here" signs

Learn from expert crew leaders to:

- Identify INVASIVE plants
- Lop, pull and dig them up
- Remove tree-strangling vines

For more information and to register, scan here or go to:
aqueduct.org/ILMPD

Hosted by: Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct

In collaboration with Robbins Pharmacy, Feed the Birds, Hudson View Auto, Green's Natural Foods & Baked by Susan, The Black Cow Coffee Co. and:



RIVERKEEPER SWEEP

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RIVERKEEPER SWEEP **Saturday, May 2, 2026**
100+ shoreline cleanups • NYC and the Hudson Valley

Come Clean Your River

riverkeeper.org/sweep

Saturday, May 2

- **Riverkeeper Sweep**, various locations throughout AD95. [Click here to see a full list of locations and sign up to help.](#)
- **I Love My Park Day**, various locations. [Click here to learn more and sign up to help.](#)
- **Putnam County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day**, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Fahnestock State Park Canopus Beach Parking Lot (1570 Route 301, Kent, NY 10512). Putnam County residents can drop off household hazardous waste at this event. [Click here for more information about the event and to register.](#)
- **Croton Earth Day Celebration**, 12 PM - 4 PM at Vassallo Park.

Promoting Sustainability in Albany



Standing up for the CLCPA in Albany

Environmental sustainability is a critical issue that cannot be ignored. The cost of climate inaction goes up every year as climate change makes disasters like extreme weather and wildfires worse and more frequent. Moreover, the failure of our nation and state to move farther and faster on the transition to clean energy has left us vulnerable to soaring energy bills, global oil and gas price shocks, and the whims of rogue, oil-rich countries like Iran and Russia. Our food supply is threatened by the loss of pollinators, which are critical for the growth of many crops. I will continue to push for legislation and programming that promotes sustainability.

Environmental Legislation Update

I sponsor a number of bills to help New York make a fair and affordable transition to clean energy, as well as other pieces of environmental legislation. These include:

- [A.7060](#), which authorizes NYSERDA to administer a program providing grants directly to residents to help more people switch to heat pumps. This switch would enable the average household using oil heat to save upwards of \$1,450 annually.
- [A.3585](#) is bipartisan legislation that would direct the PSC to establish a standard New York State community choice aggregation program for all utilities, giving low- to moderate-income households access to clean energy at fixed rates and credits equal to 10% off of the value of their bills each month.
- My Community Solar Opportunity and Local Approval Reform (Community SOLAR) legislation ([A.9087](#)) would streamline and standardize permitting requirements for community solar projects statewide, accelerating the deployment of community solar, which enables people who cannot put solar on their homes to enjoy the benefits of cleaner energy and lower costs.
- [A.8378](#) will help the state speed up the permitting of qualified energy storage systems, which would help New York store more energy produced by renewable sources such as solar and wind.
- I also sponsor [A.3533](#), bipartisan legislation to authorize community preservation funds for the protection of land and water sources.
- As flooding and wildfires become more prevalent and damaging in warmer areas, New York and areas farther north can expect to begin receiving people fleeing more

damage-prone areas. My Climate Relocation Planning and Preparation Act ([A.272](#)) legislation is intended to help New York plan for this climate migration.

- [A.1875](#) would require inclusion of complete streets principles for certain Department of Transportation projects.
- [A.9313](#), the New York State Healthy and Green Procurement Act, would require state agencies to prioritize commodities, services and technologies that minimize adverse effects on public health and the environment when making procurement decisions.



Celebrating Native Plant Month in Albany

This budget season, I have been advocating for sufficient funding for priorities such as the Sustainable Future Program, which provides funding for programs related to the clean energy transition. I have also been pushing for an increase in the amount of [state funding for food waste reduction and compost programs](#), and I am proud that the requested increase made it into the Assembly one-house budget. While we await the Governor's proposal for changes to the CLCPA, I am continuing to hold the line with colleagues who oppose changes to our methane accounting standards, and to push for a deal that gets the state moving faster than we have in recent years toward our climate action goals.

At the end of March, I was once again joined by members of New York State's Garden Club of America affiliates to celebrate Native Plant Month. We hosted a tabling event sharing information and resources and promoted new legislation I've introduced, [A.7951B](#), which would establish and provide for the funding of a program to promote the cultivation and maintenance of native plants on land bordering state highways and other public lands. The April 2026 episode of my podcast, *Building Healthy Communities*, is all about native plants; [click here to listen](#).

There are hundreds of additional bills relating to the environment currently pending in the Legislature. Some highlights include the following bills that I co-sponsor:

- The Accelerate Solar for Affordable Power (ASAP) Act, [A.8758A](#), which would set a new target for distributed solar energy capacity and direct the PSC to advance reforms to get this energy into the grid faster.
- [A.1373A](#) would expand the solar tax credit, increasing the amount and making it refundable to allow more low-income homeowners to benefit.
- [A.2101](#) would create the Green Affordable Pre-electrification (GAP) Fund to help homeowners and tenants fix deficiencies in their homes that prevent them from

maximizing energy efficiency and/or replacing fossil fuel appliances with electric ones.

- The **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act** would require companies selling, or distributing covered packaging materials and products to reduce consumer packaging, improve recycling and recycling infrastructure, financially support municipal recycling programs, reduce toxins in packaging, and require producers of products to take responsibility for end of life solutions to product packaging.
- A number of bills that aim to eliminate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, and other harmful chemicals in various products, to protect our health.

If you have questions or suggestions about these bills or any others, please feel free to reach out to my office at levenbergd@nyassembly.gov or (914) 941-1111.

Rewards for Smart Energy Usage

A promotional graphic for the GridRewards app. It features a purple background. On the left, the text "Get paid to save energy." is written in large white font. Below it, in smaller white font, is "Earn up to 20% of your electric bill in cash with GridRewards." To the right of this text is a QR code and the text "Scan code or sign up on GridRewards.com to get started." Below the QR code is the Sustainable Westchester logo. On the right side of the graphic, a hand holds a smartphone displaying the GridRewards app interface. The app screen shows a "GridRewards" header, a date "10:41", a battery level "100%", and a signal strength indicator. Below the header, it says "Upcoming GridRewards event from 5pm to 8pm" with a "Count me in!" button. Underneath is a "Achievements" section with three icons: a green circle with a white checkmark, a blue circle with a white checkmark, and a grey circle with a white checkmark. Below that is an "Energy" section with a line graph showing "Usage this week" and "Your projected bill" of "\$123.45". It also shows "Yesterday vs. projection" as "8% less". At the bottom of the app screen is a "See your energy use" link and a navigation bar with icons for Home, Events, and Settings.

GridRewards

Con Edison households, take note: you can earn money for reducing energy usage by participating in GridRewards. You can download the app to your **iPhone** or **Android** phone or **sign up online** to get energy-saving tips and notifications about special GridRewards events during which you can earn higher rewards. You can also earn cash for referring friends to the program. Average households can earn over \$100 per year over and above the money they save by reducing their energy usage. To learn more, including how to enroll, visit <https://sustainablewestchester.org/gridrewards>. Sign up by **Thursday, April 30** to maximize your earnings.

SmartCharge

If you have an electric car and live in the Con Edison service area, you can earn cash rewards for charging during off-peak times by enrolling in the SmartCharge program. [Click here to learn more and sign up.](#)

Food Scrap Recycling and Composting in AD95



Food scraps make our incinerator less efficient, wasting energy and money. In landfills, food waste is a major source of methane emissions. Backyard composting is one way of turning waste into a resource for our gardens, but it can be time- and space-consuming, and there are limitations on what you can compost at home. Fortunately, every municipality in Assembly District 95 has options for food scrap recycling, through which all food waste (including dairy, bones, and other materials not suitable for home composting) can be turned into compost. Click the following links or call your local Department of Public Works to learn more about food scrap recycling in your town or city.

[Briarcliff/Ossining](#) | [Cortlandt](#) | [Peekskill](#) | [Philipstown](#) | [Yorktown](#)

Assistance for Energy Efficiency Upgrades - EmPower Plus

The EmPower New York Program ***is here to make your home energy-efficient — for free!***



Find out today if you're eligible for no-cost assessments and clean-energy upgrades to your home!

NYSERDA's EmPower Plus program provides no-cost energy efficiency solutions to income-eligible New Yorkers. Homeowners and renters will be connected with a participating contractor to assess if a home would benefit from free energy upgrades such as:

- Home energy assessment to identify areas of possible energy improvements
- Tips on how to save energy
- Installation of high-efficiency lighting
- Attic and wall insulation
- Installation of clean heating and cooling heat pumps
- Replacement of old, inefficient refrigerators and freezers
- Water-saving showerheads
- A monthly electric bill credit of between \$5-\$15 from community solar.

To check your eligibility and apply, click [here](#).

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