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## Senator Carlucci Announces 2012 Earth Day Poster Contest

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NANUET – To celebrate and honor the importance of Earth Day this year, Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Orange) today encouraged local students to submit their entries for the New York State Senate’s Earth Day Poster Contest, a statewide competition that encourages student awareness of environmental issues. This year, Senator Carlucci and the entire New York State Senate is sponsoring a poster contest for children in grades K-6. The theme of the Earth Day celebration is “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.”

“Earth Day is about encouraging all of us to continue to abide by that shared notion of protecting our environment,” said Senator Carlucci. “Promoting a clean, healthy, and sustainable planet means more today than ever before. I urge all students in Rockland and Orange Counties to take part in this worthwhile cause by participating in this year’s Earth Day Poster Contest to make your voice heard.”

The winning posters will be displayed on Senator Carlucci’s website and the participants will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation. Schools wishing to participate in this year’s event must submit their entry by March 9, 2012 via the Senate’s website at

[www.nysenate.gov/earthday2012](http://www.nysenate.gov/earthday2012).

Students are encouraged not only to be creative in their project, but also to convey a real commitment to making the environment a better place. By educating students about the importance of recycling, they will learn to be creative in solving the problem of solid waste. The New York State Senate takes this opportunity to celebrate the great strides New York has made in helping to improve our environment. From expanding the bottle bill to promoting green energy, New York is helping to make a difference.

Since the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, over 20 million Americans have participated, helping to improve the quality of air we breathe and the water we drink. In addition, landmark legislation has been passed to help support this effort, such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.