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Senator Duane and Assembly Member Rosenthal Sponsor Maple in Manhattan Day

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On April 16, I joined New York State Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal in sponsoring Maple in Manhattan Day at P.S. 87 at West 78th Street. The event featured a presentation by the Vernon-Verona-Sherill High School Future Farmers of America (V.V.S. FFA) of its mobile maple exhibit to 2nd through 5th graders from P.S. 9 and P.S. 87.

V.V.S. FFA, an upstate branch of a national organization of agricultural students, teamed up

with the New York State Maple Producers Association to teach school children about maple syrup production in New York. The exhibit engages students in an interactive demonstration of the five steps of maple production, from the tapping of maple trees to the boiling of sap into delicious maple syrup.

Currently, New York produces more maple syrup -- a remarkably sustainable natural resource -- than any other state in the nation except Vermont and Maine.