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## Happy Earth Day

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Earth Day is about the kind of communities we leave as our legacy to our children, our grandchildren, and all the generations that will succeed us. For policy makers, Earth Day presses us to keep in mind the long-term thinking – a path that requires a proactive, preventive approach to our problems. We should not wait for the next Superstorm Sandy to tackle these challenges. We need to look to avert the next crisis.

We need to pursue the kind of joined-up policy planning that ensures a high quality of life for future generations of New Yorkers. On the ground, we can all take steps towards more environmentally friendly habits; steps that can be as simple as grocery shopping with reusable bags and switching to energy efficient lightbulbs. Through steps large and small, we can build a positive legacy for the next generations of New Yorkers.