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Action Agenda









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Bills

With federal protections weakening, the Legislature can lead the way—passing bold environmental policies that protect communities, advance equity, and set a national example. New York can prove that strong state action delivers lasting solutions for people, health, and the planet.

Protecting Drinking Water

With more than a third of water service lines containing lead, roughly 3 million New Yorkers face toxic exposure. Every New Yorker deserves clean, safe drinking water.

Lead Pipe Replacement Act S.6892/A.7878

With federal protections at risk, this bill ensures that water utilities provide a gold-standard approach to fully replacing lead pipes at no direct cost to homeowners.

Protecting PFAS Drinking Water Limits S.3207-A/A.8634

Clean water shouldn't depend on Washington—New York must lock in PFAS protections that the Trump EPA is trying to rollback.

Reducing Toxic PFAS Exposure

PFAS are pervasive, toxic chemicals threatening drinking water, public health, and communities across New York. Strong action to stop PFAS at the source puts people first, prevents harm, and protects future generations.

Beauty Justice Act A.2054-A/S.2057-A

By banning PFAS and other dangerous chemicals in cosmetics, New York can prevent toxic pollution at its source and protect public health, especially for young women and women of color.

Ban PFAS in Consumer Products Act A.7738/S.187-A

We can "turn off the tap to PFAS" and stop these "forever chemicals" at their source by banning PFAS from everyday products—saving millions in clean-up costs down the line.

PFAS in Sewage Sludge A.6192-C/S.5759-B

Pause PFAS-contaminated biosolids spreading, require comprehensive testing, and establish a fund to protect farms, drinking water, and New York communities.

Tackling the Growing Trash Crisis in New York

New York's trash problem isn't inevitable; smart policy can reduce waste, save money, and protect our communities.

Packaging Reduction and Recycling Act - A.1749/S.1464

PRRIA, an extended producer responsibility (EPR) bill, shifts waste and recycling costs from taxpayers to manufacturers while building on NY's other successful EPR programs.

Right to Refill Act A.8007/S.7408

Let's reduce and reuse, not waste; enshrining in statute that New Yorkers can use clean reusable containers reduces dependency on single-use options, saving businesses money and cutting waste.

Food Date Labeling Act A.7291/S.7618

Standardizing food labels so families can stop throwing out safe, edible food, thereby saving money, reducing methane pollution, and keeping food out of landfills statewide.

Addressing the Climate Crisis

The climate crisis is already costing New Yorkers through higher energy bills, rising insurance rates, and growing health harms. Bold, people-centered climate action is urgently needed.

SUNNY Act S.8512/A.9111

Expanding access to affordable plug-in solar for renters and low-income households will lower energy bills, ease grid strain, and break down barriers to clean energy advancement.

Climate Disaster Loss Recovery S.8585/A.9279

By holding fossil fuel corporations financially accountable for climate-driven disasters, we can shift costs off taxpayers and help stabilize New York's volatile insurance market.

Defending the CLCPA (No Bill)

Defending the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act is essential to protecting New York's clean energy future and public health from rollbacks.

Budget

Investing in clean energy, climate solutions, and environmental protections through the state budget can make New York more affordable, reduce energy costs, and build healthier, resilient communities.

$1 Billion for the Sustainable Future Program

Investing an additional $1 billion in the Sustainable Future Program will help lower energy bills, create good-paying green jobs, and accelerate New York's path to a cleaner, more affordable, and more equitable energy system.

$500 Million for Clean Water

$500 million for the Clean Water Infrastructure Act will address New York's $80 billion need to modernize failing water infrastructure, protect public health by reducing toxic PFAS and lead exposure, and keep water affordable for home and business owners.

$425 Million for the EPF and No Staff Offloads

Fully funding the Environmental Protection Fund at $425 million (without covering agency staffing) protects forests and farmland, expands parks and trails, advances environmental justice, and delivers proven economic and public health benefits in every region across the state.

Eliminating the Dirtiest Home Heating Systems

Lowering NYSERDA loan interest rates and expanding Empower+ funding will accelerate the shift from oil and propane heating, cutting pollution, reducing energy bills, improving air quality, and preventing toxic spills that threaten groundwater and public health.

Support & Expand the Farm to School Program

Expanding and reforming the Farm to School program to include all school meals and a tiered participation structure will remove barriers for schools, strengthen local agriculture communities, and ensure more students receive fresh, healthy, New York–grown food.

Staffing for Success

Increasing staffing at DEC and DOH will safeguard communities as federal protections erode by strengthening climate law implementation, improving air and water monitoring, accelerating PFAS and lead responses, and protecting public health statewide.

Regulations

Strong regulatory action from Governor Hochul will drive down emissions, unlock billions in clean energy investment, protect public health, and strengthen New York's economic and climate resilience.

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

Finalizing updates to RGGI—New York's cap-and-invest program for energy generation—will build on a proven program that has cut power-plant emissions nearly in half and generated $3 billion for New York, delivering pollution reductions while expanding clean energy investment, energy efficiency, and consumer savings.

The Clean Air Initiative

Advancing the Clean Air Initiative will unlock billions annually for climate solutions and energy-affordability programs, reduce harmful air pollution, create union jobs, and bring New York back into legal compliance with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act as delays and new fossil fuel approvals drive up climate and health risks.

Triennial Review for Water Quality Standards

Adopting stronger water quality standards for PFAS, nutrient pollution, and chloride through DEC's Triennial Review will protect drinking water, curb toxic contamination and harmful algal blooms, and accelerate the cleanup of polluted waters statewide.

Environmental Justice Siting Law

Fully implementing the Environmental Justice Siting Law through robust public engagement and strong regulatory safeguards will prevent the continued concentration of polluting projects in Disadvantaged Communities and finally deliver meaningful public-health protections where they are most urgently needed.

About Environmental Advocates NY

Our Mission
Environmental Advocates NY fights for policies that will restore and protect New York's environment, support healthy, vibrant communities, and secure benefits and outcomes for all within and beyond the state through education, partnerships, and advocacy.

Our Vision
We envision a future where:

- Clean water, air, and a stable climate are recognized as fundamental human rights.
- People and communities are healthy, vibrant and resilient, and frontline, disadvantaged, and BIPOC communities no longer experience disproportionate environmental burdens and racial injustice.
- Biodiversity and ecosystems are restored, protected, and flourishing.
- Economies, communities, and lifestyles are liberated from fossil fuels.
- Our state leads the region and the nation in achieving fair and just environmental solutions and outcomes.

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