



2025 NYS Environmental Legislative Scorecard

WE WON! :) Signed into Law by Governor in 2025

1. [A4997/S4289](#) Prohibits the taking of **horseshoe crabs** for commercial or biomedical purposes.
2. [A1819/S3163](#) Directs DEC to conserve **monarch butterflies** and unique habitats they depend upon for successful migration.
3. [A442/S794](#) Establishes **NY native plant and seed supply**, development and enhancement program.
4. [S7359A/A7964A](#) Establishes **NY native plants designation**, using seals or logos identifying native plants as grown in New York state and certified for their quality.
5. [A8807/S8241](#) Amends the **septic system replacement fund**. This bill will establish reimbursements at 75% of the costs incurred up to a max of \$25,000 for installation of enhanced treatment technologies, including advanced nitrogen, phosphorous, and PFAS removal systems.
6. [A1004B/S7927A](#) Reduce sewage overflows that contaminate **western LI Sound**, and save costs by authorizing (4) municipalities (New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Pelham Manor) to consolidate their sewer systems under Westchester County management.
7. [A8332/S8012](#) Clarifies the tax appraisal method for **solar and wind energy** systems.
8. [A8888/S8417](#) Remove the **100-foot rule** that requires existing ratepayers to subsidize the cost of connecting new ratepayers to the gas system.
9. [A1502/S1548](#) Restrict **PFAS** & approx. 20 unsafe chemical substances in menstrual products.
10. [A1179/S1069](#) Adds **state forests**, WMAs and unique areas to the public lands where leasing for oil or gas production is prohibited. Currently the exploration, development and production of gas and oil in state-owned lands is prohibited in state parks.



WE LOST - Vetoed by Governor in 2025 ☹️

11. [A3398/S1126](#) Directs DEC to study ecological restoration needs of **Jamaica Bay**.
12. [A1890/S7358](#) To prevent **HOA prohibitions on low impact landscaping** on homeowner's property, specifically pollinator gardens; rain gardens, habitat gardens, or natural gardening that uses plants native to NY.
13. [S5983A/A6930](#) Local **Freshwater Wetlands Pesticide** bill to prohibit the application of pesticides to local freshwater wetlands that are hydraulically connected to a reservoir, reservoir stem or other source of public water supply.



DID NOT PASS both houses in 2025 ☹️

14. [S5684/A6543](#) Bigger, Better **Bottle Bill**.
15. [S879-A/A2122-A](#) Enacts homeowners "**Garden Protection Act**" protecting individuals who cultivate home vegetable gardens, native plant gardens, or pollinator gardens.
16. [A2657/S1574](#) Establishes the **electric landscaping equipment** rebate program
17. [A03180/S03658](#) Feathered Lives Also Count "**FLACO Act**" for bird-friendly state-owned buildings esp. during spring/fall migration.
18. [A04615/S05007](#) Enacts the "**Dark Skies Protection Act**" to regulate outdoor night lighting.
19. [S7532](#) Enact "**RAPTORS Act**" (Restriction of Anticoagulant Pesticide Transactions for Online and Retail Stores).

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