

Mayor Bassett would like to share this Earth Day message he has received from Europa McGovern, Planner and Clean Energy Coordinator of the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

Greetings,

Earth Day is this Sunday, April 22nd! In preparation for the many Earth Day events being held in the Mid-Hudson Region, we at HVRC have compiled some relevant materials and information for you to share.

There are many ways that community residents can take action and reduce both their household energy bills and GHG emissions. For example NYSERDA offers free or reduced-cost home energy audits. Free energy audits are available to farms too. These and other resources - including Earth Day materials from the EPA - are outlined below. Please share widely!

○ **NYSERDA**

- Home Energy Assessments: <https://www.nyserderda.ny.gov/Residents-and-Homeowners>
- Agriculture Energy Audits: <https://www.nyserderda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Agriculture-Energy-Audit>
- Ground source heat pump rebates: <https://portal.nyserderda.ny.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=00Pt0000002xy5YEAQ>

○ **NYSDEC**

- “Conservationist for Kids” magazine: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/105720.html>
- [Climate Smart Communities Program](#)

○ **Utility Rebates:** Your utility likely offers rebates for replacing outdated equipment with new energy efficient appliances

- [NYSEG](#)
- [Central Hudson](#)
- [Orange & Rockland](#)
- [ConEd](#)

○ **Electric Vehicles**

- [NYSERDA Drive Clean Rebate](#): Up to a \$2,000 rebate off the purchase of qualifying EVs
- [Federal Tax Incentive](#): The federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax credit is for \$2,500 to \$7,500 per new plug-in EV purchased for use in the U.S.

Happy Earth Day!

Best,
Europa McGovern