



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Mark Grisanti named recipient of William B. Hoyt Environmental Excellence Award

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New York State Senator Grisanti was named the winner of the 2012 William B. Hoyt Environmental Excellence Award for his outstanding work on behalf of conservation and the environment. The full award letter can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

“Typically we present this Award to members of the legislature who had a long tenure of fighting for change, but your early dedication to upholding the New York’s State’s environmental laws and your visionary approach to the state’s most pressing conservation issues make you stand out as a most deserving 2012 Hoyt Award Recipient,” said Audubon Council of New York State in the award letter.

The Audubon Council is comprised of 27 Affiliated Audubon Chapters throughout New York State whose membership exceeds over 50,000 households.

“I am absolutely humbled by this award named in honor of William B. Hoyt for his contributions and work in the environmental community”, said Senator Grisanti. I am also honored to be on share this award with a very impressive list of prestigious lawmakers like former Governors’ George Pataki and Eliot Spitzer, current Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and Sam Hoyt from Western New York.”

Senator Grisanti is in his second year as a lawmaker in Albany and currently chairs the Senate’s Environmental Conservation Committee. Senator Grisanti passed groundbreaking legislation in his committee to protect water resources, wildlife and habitat.

“To say you hit the ground running as the new Environmental Conservation Committee Chair in the state Senate is an understatement. We were impressed by how quickly you became a steadfast supporter of the Environmental protection fund, helping to maintain the fund in an otherwise challenging budget,” said Audubon Council of New York State in the award letter.

The last recipient from Western New York to receive this award was former New York State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt in 2001, son of the late William B. Hoyt from whom the award is named after.

“I am pleased that the Audubon Society has chosen to honor Senator Grisanti with the William B. Hoyt Environmental Excellence award. As the chair of the Senate EnCon Committee, Mark has been a tireless advocate for protecting the environment and our natural resources. My father would be pleased that another Western New Yorker has received this prestigious award,” said Sam Hoyt former award winner and New York State Assemblyman.