

Attorney General Eliot Spitzer Receives Hoyt Award at Spring Council Meeting Staff Report



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(Left to right) Audubon New York leaders Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff, Geoffrey Cobb Ryan, Marian Heiskell and David J. Miller meet with Attorney General Eliot Spitzer (Third from the left.)

AUDUBON NEW YORK and the Audubon Council of New York State selected Attorney General Eliot Spitzer as the 2002 William Hoyt environment award recipient, so-named in 1992 in tribute to Assemblyman William Hoyt after he passed away while serving in the State Assembly.

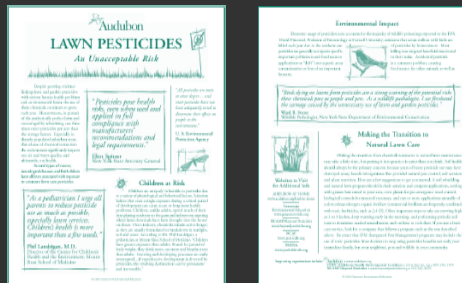
Attorney General Eliot Spitzer was selected for his outstanding leadership on conservation and environmental issues, from acid rain to PCBs in the Hudson to the clean-up of Long Island Sound. Audubon New York views the Attorney General as a conservation leader in the state with dedication, vision and energy. His upholding of the state's environmental laws and his specific efforts on the state's most pressing conservation issues are examples Attorney General's offices across the country should follow.

Previous environment award recipients include then Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey (1990), Assembly William Hoyt (1991), Assemblyman Pat Grannis (1992), Senator Owen Johnson (1993), Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (1995), Assemblyman Richard Brodsky (1996), Assemblyman Steven Engelbright (1997), Senator Carl Marcellino (1998), DEC Commissioner John Cahill (2000), and Assemblyman Sam Hoyt (2001).

At a meeting with Attorney General Spitzer in his New York City office in April (see photo), Audubon New York board members further established partnerships with him on several current conservation concerns including pesticide issues, open space and continued efforts for Long Island Sound.

LAWN PESTICIDE FACT SHEET AVAILABLE

Audubon New York has published a fact sheet entitled "Lawn Pesticides – An Unacceptable Risk." Audubon is working with a coalition of groups to educate the public on the risks of pesticide use and the benefit of using non-toxic alternatives. Over 80,000 fact sheets were distributed this spring in Westchester and on Long Island. To join Audubon New York's Pesticide Campaign and get a copy of our fact sheet, visit <http://ny.audubon.org>.



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