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**NYPIRG APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT, URGES
GOV AND LAWMAKERS TO ACT ON ADDITIONAL MEASURES**

“Voter approval of ‘The 2022 Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act’ not only provides badly-needed funding for important programs, but shows the broad public support for protecting the environment,” said Blair Horner, NYPIRG Executive Director.

“But that approval is only a first step. New York is facing costs from the climate crisis that will run into the tens of billions of dollars annually. The state must take the next steps by providing **additional funding** through a polluters-pay program and by advancing measures that **reduce the state’s reliance** on dangerous fossil fuels, such as the All-Electric Building Act, and tackling the state’s **solid waste footprint** by modernizing the state’s 40-year-old ‘Bottle Bill’ and reducing packaging waste. By making the oil and gas companies pay to clean up their climate mess, and passing necessary environmental policies, the state will be on solid footing to meet the urgency of the moment. NYPIRG applauds approval of Proposition #1 and looks forward to working with the governor and the Legislature in approving additional environmental protections.”

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