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Kaity Tsui seen as most green by New York State's tourism division

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Kaity Tsui was named the first ever "Greenest New Yorker" by NY State Tourism Agency.

Her passion for the environment started with Captain Planet. It never waned. For that dedication Kaity Tsui was crowned Thursday as the greenest person in New York City. The 25-year-old was presented with an award made from a recycled Central Park trash can by New York State's tourism division, which organized the contest. "To sustain the city and state we love today, we must plan for tomorrow," Tsui said. "It is an honor to receive this award." Tsui has dedicated her career to being green. She is the tree care coordinator for MillionTreesNYC, a citywide plan to plant that many trees in the city over the next decade. She co-chairs the NYU Green Alumni network and volunteers for Green Drinks NYC and the New York City office of recycling outreach and education, among others. "When I was at NYU, people questioned my career choices, but I had to follow my heart," she said. Tsui was chosen by a panel of judges over dozens of competitors. Each had written an essay describing how they aspire to live an eco-friendly life. "What was great about [Tsui] is that she does things in her everyday life that every New Yorker can do to make New York green," said Edward Maitino, managing director of the New York State division of tourism.