

2012 Candidate Survey



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 Do you have a primary? Yes No
 Are you an incumbent? Yes No

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
1. DEEP Operations (funding) <small>(Click Here for more information)</small>	Currently, all revenues collected by CT DEEP through permits, licenses, and admissions fees go to the General Fund and do not support DEEP operations. Would you support creation or re-institution of a fund within DEEP that enabled it to recoup revenues from hunting permits, special licenses, parks admissions, etc.?	X		
Comments: Fees generated by DEEP programs should be returned to those programs to support their continuance. Additionally, users will have a deeper commitment to the programs – and to conservation efforts – if they know that their money is going to directly support those same programs.				
2. Transportation and Mass Transit. <small>(Click Here for more information)</small>	Would you support policies or legislation to promote transit-oriented development that focuses growth and dense development around transit stations while respecting the unique character of each of our 169 cities and towns?	X		
Comments: Our towns' unique characteristics have suffered more through interstate highway construction than any by other infrastructure project. Encouraging growth and vitality around transit centers is a sensible solution to urban sprawl, traffic congestion and conserving resources.				

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3. Riverfront Protection (Click Here for more information)	Would you support a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built-up areas, agriculture and other special situations)?	X		
Comments: I would also support expanding the buffer to include the built-up areas. I would further encourage agricultural practices that reduce pollution of the ground water and water run-off.				
4. Pesticides Rollback (Click Here for more information)	Would you support and protect the current ban on toxic pesticides on school grounds?	X		
Comments: Children are especially susceptible to somatic changes engendered by environmental contaminants. Some effects are immediate; some will be latent. In either circumstance, the individual child will suffer and we, as a society, will be paying for the medical care and treatment.				
5. Pharmaceutical Disposal (Click Here for more information)	Would you support a statewide program that allows Connecticut's residents to have a safe and secure place to dispose of unused pharmaceutical drugs?	X		
Comments: The same consideration given to batteries should be given to pharmaceutical detritus. These contain potentially dangerous chemicals, hormones and teteragenic material that should be properly disposed of.				
6. GMO Labeling (Click Here for more information)	Would you support mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, also known as GMO?	X		
Comments: We have the right to know what we are putting in our bodies. An informed consumer is a smart consumer. This is particularly critical when there are serious questions about the nutritional quality.				
7. Mattress Recycling (Click Here for more information)	Would you support requiring manufactures to create a system for mattress-component recycling similar to the systems for recycling electric waste and the unused paint?	X		
Comments: The cost of any particular product should include its entire life cycle. Unfortunately, the taxpayers have been responsible for disposing of mattresses with no redress from the manufacturers.				
8. Water Conservation (Click Here for more information)	Would you support efficient use and planning of water supplies by providing incentives for utilities to encourage water conservation through ratemaking mechanisms?	X		
Comments: I lived with water rationing in California and know that conservation works. Including incentives for the end user and providing methods to change wasteful habits and appliances will have a real effect.				
9. Toxics (children) (Click Here for more information)	Would you support legislation that creates a process that identifies chemicals of high concern to children and makes recommendations how to reduce their exposure?	X		
Comments: Current US law allows any chemical to be used until it is proven dangerous. We need to re-think priorities: chemicals should not be used until they are proven safe. Until that happens, identifying the presence of particular chemicals and methods of remediation is paramount.				
10. Community Redevelopment and Conservation Act (CRCA) (Click Here for more information)	Would you support an optional conveyance tax for municipalities on buyers of real property to be used within the municipality for preservation and conservation of land, air, water, and energy resources?	X		
Comments: We make our footprints wherever we are. Helping our communities preserve our environment and our resources is part of our civic duty.				

Part 2: What environmental issue has lacked the attention in Connecticut that it deserves? As a legislator, what will you do to change that? What are the environmental priorities in your district?

Recycling programs have expanded very slowly in the state and the ones in place appear to have many gaps. For example, my town participates in the single stream program. However, it refuses to handle many types of recyclable materials and the pick up is only once every two weeks.

The state needs to provide the leadership for the towns. We should fully fund DEEP and allow it to execute specific programs with tangible results.

I live in one of the Superfund sites that has yet to be remediated. Through a series of local inaction and years of denial, my town has ignored its problems with impunity. At this point, without strong intervention from the state, I do not see the town leadership as capable of taking any positive action.

Part 3: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2013 Legislative Session?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Mass Transit | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical Disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> GMO labeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxics (children) | |

Explain Why:

This was a hard decision to arrive at from a personal standpoint. Mass transit and GMO labels are my particular hot-button issues. But as a legislator, I would want to exhibit a broad support for all environmental initiatives. The best way to that would be to support the DEEP and nurture it to become a respected and effective leader in conservation efforts.