

# 2012 Candidate Survey

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Are you enrolled in the Citizen's Election Fund for public campaign financing?  Yes  No  
 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
<b>1. DEEP Operations (funding)</b> <small>(Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				
<b>2. Transportation and Mass Transit.</b> <small>(Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				

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<b>3. Riverfront Protection</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				
<b>4. Pesticides Rollback</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> for more information)	Would you support and protect the current ban on toxic pesticides on school grounds?	X		
Comments:				
<b>5. Pharmaceutical Disposal</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				
<b>6. GMO Labeling</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> for more information)	Would you support mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, also known as GMO?	X		
Comments:				
<b>7. Mattress Recycling</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				
<b>8. Water Conservation</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				
<b>9. Toxics (children)</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				
<b>10. Community Redevelopment and Conservation Act (CRCA)</b> (Click <a href="#">Here</a> 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:				

**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?**

I would like to see Connecticut be a leader in the development and deployment of green energy. While our nation is still heavily dependent on traditional fossil fuel sources, there is no doubt that our future is in alternative energy solutions. Connecticut should be a leader in this development. I would like to see a significant component of our economy be based on green energy development (alternative energy solutions). To help facilitate growth in this area, I would try to develop a new college student loan program for students of Connecticut families where the graduate would receive some degree of loan forgiveness for every year that the graduate worked in Connecticut in a green energy, technology or engineering job. I want to see our enthusiastic and entrepreneurial young graduates build our future here in Connecticut, not in other states. And I want them to build that future in the jobs of the future, like green energy.

The environmental priorities of my district are not much different from those of the rest of the state and are definitely encompassed with the ten issues you have listed in Part 3 below. We do have a beautiful coastline on the Long Island Sound, so I would want to become part of the Long Island Sound House Caucus to do whatever possible to promote the wise and clean use of Sound. We are in the midst of a cleanup of the old Exide Corporation site. This must be monitored and tested to ensure complete and proper cleanup. Overall the biggest environmental issue for Fairfield is to maintain the overall quality of life that its residents enjoy today. That quality of life exists because there is a high awareness amongst Fairfield's residents as to the importance of the Sound, green fields and undisturbed land tracts, clean air, recycling, and health in general.

**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"/> DEEP Funding                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides Rollback     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> CRCA                    |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GMO labeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxics (children)  |  |

**Explain Why:** You asked for one issue but I'd put in the extra effort to address two issues. The first would be GMO labeling. This is an issue of potentially huge impact that should be quick and easy to solve. Much progress was made on the issue during this last legislative session, and I believe with additional effort in the upcoming session we can achieve proper labeling to protect our health.

The second issue would be transportation and mass transit. Unlike GMO labeling, our transit issues are not easily solved. But the work to address these issues needs to start in earnest today and continue on an ongoing basis. Transit-oriented development should be a part of the overall solution. And we need to address the congestion problems we already have today. MetroNorth serves a great purpose and moves many people, but it would be better if there were some type of light rail, tram, or other interurban feeder system into MetroNorth in some of the bigger communities in the corridor served by MetroNorth.

