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# 2015 Environmental Scorecard

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## Do your legislators?

Connecticut is our home. It's a remarkable place to live, work and play, but we can make it even better.

For more than 16 years, with the support of our members across the state, the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters has fought to protect our state's great natural legacy for future generations.

Part of our work is holding our elected officials accountable. And that's where our Scorecard comes in. CTLCV's Environmental Scorecard shows how each legislator voted on critical conservation bills during Connecticut's 2015 Legislative Session.

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Together we can protect our home

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## Big Boost For Connecticut's Environment

*Despite a rocky start, Connecticut's legislators take lead on environment at the State Capitol.*

**The Regular Session of the 2015 Connecticut General Assembly "technically" ended on June 3rd.** Fiscal woes and disputes dominated the session. At the center was the challenge of finding new revenue without levying new taxes. Environmental advocates brought new issues, as well as unfinished business from 2014 to the Legislature this year. We had a clear set of issues we were tracking from the start of session.

**CTLCV Stayed in Constant Communication** with our colleagues to track the progress of their bills and send alerts to legislators when we anticipated an important vote that could be scored.

**Groups Banded Together** As the end of session neared, lobbyists and legislators alike were frustrated, tired and anxious. Always outnumbered, environmental groups banded together to help each other on major issues, and our champion legislators made herculean efforts to keep important environmental issues moving.

**When the Clock Ran Out** A negotiated budget squeaked through just under the deadline, but the clock ran out on remaining, essential budget business. The budget was a mixed bag, including deep cuts to the Community Investment Act and the state parks operating budget, but contained solid funding for the Clean Water Fund, open space, Long Island Sound resource planning, and the Council on Environmental Quality. At this point, environmental advocates could point to a few victories but also painful losses.

**A Special Session was Called** To complete the work needed to implement the state budget, legislative leaders called a Special Session for the last two days in June. Special sessions are famously unpredictable, with all sorts of items turning up in the budget implementers and other bills. The agenda for the 2015 Special Session included not only budget implementer bills and bond authorizations, but also one of our top priority concerns, the annual Land Conveyance Act.



“ Every legislator in our team of champions played a role in passage of key environmental bills this session. Many also worked tirelessly behind the scenes to block bills that would roll back our environmental protections. Our circle of champions is growing. ”

Lori Brown  
CTLCV Executive Director







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**Cause for Celebration** In an unexpected and unusual reversal of fortune, two of our environmental losses during the regular session — restricting pesticides and banning microbeads — became astonishing wins during the Special Session. Adding these wins to the passage of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan, new incentives for residential solar, significant funding for clean water, and blocking a variety of environmentally damaging proposals, made the final tally of positive environmental successes cause for celebration!

**Blocking Attacks** However this year was also notable for some ill-conceived legislation. One proposal we fought would have delayed the clean-up of polluted sites known as brownfields, and another would have created huge obstacles to establishing or enforcing new environmental regulations. Both were defeated.

**The Most Egregious Proposals Were Found in the Annual Land Conveyance Bill.** If advocates had not been on top of this, the state would have conveyed 100 acres of Silver Sands State Park, and given easements to two private mining companies to travel across state conservation watershed land to benefit their truck traffic. CTLCV will continue to monitor the Land Conveyance bill every year until there is a responsible and transparent process in place to evaluate state land before it is given away.

These constant attacks on current environmental protections prove once again that the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil that grows our food and the wildlife we cherish are ever in jeopardy of being compromised or lost.

**Spotlighting Environmental Legislators** Every year, CTLCV will continue to spotlight legislators who take the lead on supporting positive and healthy environmental actions, as well as those who push for detrimental land and resource use practices.

# 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL TALLY

## ENVIRONMENTAL WINS

SB 347	Open Space
SB 1061	State Parks
***	Pesticides On Municipal Playgrounds
***	Microbeads
HB 6838	Residential Solar
HB 6839	Long Island Sound Blue Plan

## UNFAVORABLE INITIATIVES DEFEATED

SB 941	Delay of Environmental Cleanup
HB 6998	Anti-Environment Sections of Land Conveyance
HB 7055	Regulatory Rollbacks in "Connecticut First"

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 349	Plastic Bag Ban
SB 366	Pesticides At Public Schools
SB 928	Community Shared Solar
HB 5653	Chemicals Of Concern For Children
HB 6035	Pesticides At State Facilities
HB 7009	Zero Emissions Vehicles

## BUDGET & BONDING HIGHLIGHTS\*

\$2.8 Billion	Transportation Overhaul Initiative
\$378 Million	Clean Water Fund (Over 2 Yrs.)
\$35 Million	Infrastructure & Maintenance of State Parks, Trails, Greenways & Bikeways (Over 2 Yrs.)
\$31 Million	Open Space Protection (Over 2 Yrs.)
\$20 Million	Green Infrastructure For Non-Point Source Pollution
\$20 Million	Long Island Sound Stewardship & Resiliency
\$500,000	Water Resource Planning
\$180,000	Council On Environmental Quality
\$**	Community Investment Act (Cut by over 50%)

\* These were not separate bills we could score.

\*\* Actual number unavailable at time of printing

\*\*\* Passed in Budget Implementer during Special Session

## HOW TO USE THIS SCORECARD

See how your elected leaders voted on the environmental issues that matter most to you. The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters produces an Environmental Scorecard each year to shine a light on our elected officials. It will give you, the voter, information you need to know who's on your side.

### **CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS!**

Visit [www.ctlcv.org](http://www.ctlcv.org) to look up your legislators. Then call, write, or email to let them know what you think about their votes in this Scorecard. Join CTLCV email action alert list at [www.ctlcv.org](http://www.ctlcv.org)

### **METHODOLOGY**

CTLCV works with environmental groups around the state to identify their legislative priorities. Throughout the legislative session, we consult with these advocates to monitor and assist the progress of each piece of legislation on our Scorecard "Watchlist."

CTLCV grades legislators on a 0% to 100% scale based on their votes on environmental bills in committees, the House and the Senate.

The final score shown in this document is the average of all selected votes. We do not currently score absences or abstentions. A blank space means there was no vote to score for that legislator on that bill.

While the most recent session reflects current positions on specific bills, watching the long-term voting patterns and the LIFETIME AVERAGE of individual lawmakers can give a broader view of their priorities.

*Contact CTLCV any time if you have questions about a particular vote, bill, or legislator.*

*Scorecards from prior years can be found at [www.ctlcv.org](http://www.ctlcv.org).*



SENATE SCORES	COMMITTEE / CHAMBER		LAND				LONG ISLAND SOUND			PESTICIDES & TOXINS							
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Bartolomeo	D	100	98			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
Boucher	R	80	77			✓	✓			✓							✓
Bye	D	100	90			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
Cassano	D	83	81	✗		✓	✓		✓	✓							
Chapin	R	71	77		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗	✓			✓	
Coleman	D	86	91			✓	✓			✓							
Crisco	D	86	90			✓	✓			✓					✓		
Doyle	D	100	87			✓	✓			✓							
Duff	D	100	92			✓	✓			✓							
Fasano	R	63	79			✓	✓		✓	✓							
Flexer*	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓		✓					
Fonfara	D	83	93			✓	✓		A	✓							
Formica	R	88	88			✓	✓			✓		✗					
Frantz	R	88	72			✓	✓			✓							
Gerratana	D	80	88	✗		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓			
Gomes	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓							
Guglielmo	R	100	85			✓	✓			✓							
Hartley	D	100	86			✓	✓			✓		✓					
Hwang*	R	100	100			✓	✓			✓							
Kane	R	63	76			✓	✓			✓		✗		✗			
Kelly	R	100	84			✓	✓			✓							
Kennedy	D	88	88		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
Kissel	R	75	81			✓	✓			✓		✓					
Larson*	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓							
Leone	D	89	86			✓	✓			✓							
Linares	R	89	76			✓	✓		✓	✓							✓
Looney	D	100	92			✓	✓			✓							
Markley	R	88	92			✓	✓			✓		✓		✓			
Martin	R	89	89			✓	✓			✓			✗				
Maynard	D	100	85			A	✓			✓							
McLachlan	R	71	79	✗		✓	✓			✓							
Moore	D	80	80		✓	A	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
Osten	D	100	91			✓	✓		✓	✓							
Slossberg	D	100	88			✓	✓			✓		✓					✓
Winfield	D	88	88			✓	✓			✓		✓					A
Witkos	R	83	87			✓	✓			✓							





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SB 366 Pesticides (5/27/2015): SUPPORT				↙												Bartolomeo
SB 1063 Pesticides (3/20/2015): SUPPORT				↙		↙	↙								✕	Boucher
SB 1063 Pesticides (4/20/2015): SUPPORT				↙								↙				Bye
HB 6838 Residential Solar (3/24/2015): SUPPORT				↙			↙				↙				✕	Cassano
HB 6838 Residential Solar (6/3/2015): SUPPORT				↙				↙		✕			✕			Chapin
HB 7009 Zero Emission Vehicles (3/24/2015): SUPPORT				↙								↙			✕	Coleman
HB 7009 Zero Emission Vehicles (4/27/2015): SUPPORT				↙										✕		Crisco
HB 6857 Protecting Transportation Funding (3/18/2015): SUPPORT			↙	↙	↙							↙				Doyle
HB 5286 Microbeads (3/20/2015): SUPPORT				↙												Duff
HB 5286 Microbeads (4/20/2015): SUPPORT				↙							✕					Fasano
SB 349 Plastic Bags (3/11/2015): SUPPORT				↙										✕		Flexer*
SB 349 Plastic Bags (4/14/2015): SUPPORT				↙									↙			Fonfara
SB 349 Plastic Bags (5/21/2015): SUPPORT				↙										A		Formica
SB 941 Environmental Cleanup (3/11/2015): OPPOSE				↙		↙										Frantz
SB 941 Environmental Cleanup (4/13/2015): OPPOSE				↙			↙									Gerratana
HB 7055 Connecticut First (4/30/2015): OPPOSE				↙												Gomes
				↙												Guglielmo
				↙												Hartley
				↙												Hwang*
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				↙												Kelly
	↙			↙		↙	↙	↙		↙			✕	✕		Kennedy
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				↙		↙	↙		↙							Leone
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Abercrombie	D	100	89			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Ackert	R	88	80			✓	✓			✓						
Adams	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓						
Adinolfi	R	75	71			✓	✓			✓					✗	
Alberts	R	100	70			✓	✓			A						
Albis	D	93	92		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓
Alexander	D	67	70	✗		✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	
Altobello	D	86	84			✓	✓			✓						
Aman	R	64	69			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			
Arce	D	89	85			✓	✓			✓						
Arconti	D	93	89		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓
Aresimowicz	D	100	87			✓	✓			✓						
Backer	D	93	90		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓
Baker	D	89	89			✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	
Baram	D	100	90			✓	✓			✓						
Becker	D	88	89	✗		✓	✓			✓						
Belsito	R	70	73			✓	✓		✓	✓			✗			
Berger	D	86	80			✓	✓			✓						
Berthel	R	78	78			✓	✓			✓					✗	
Betts	R	63	61			✓	✓			✓			✗		✗	
Bocchino	R	78	78			✓	✓			✓	✓			✗		
Bolinsky	R	86	73			✓	✓			✓			✗			
Boukus	D	75	88			✓	A			✓						
Brycki	D	88	83			✓	✓			✓						
Buck-Taylor	R	80	70			✓	✓			✓						
Bumgardner	R	89	89			✓	✓			✓						
Butler	D	83	85			✓	✓			✓						
Byron	R	77	77		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗				✓
Camillo	R	100	69			✓	✓			A						
Candelaria	D	100	90			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓			
Candelora	R	67	61			✓	✓			✓					✗	
Carney	R	80	80		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗				✓
Carpino	R	88	78			✓	✓			✓					✓	
Carter	R	86	70			✓	✓			✓						





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SB 1063 Pesticides (4/20/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙							Adams
HB 6838 Residential Solar (3/24/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙							Adinolfi
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HB 7009 Zero Emission Vehicles (3/24/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙							Albis
HB 7009 Zero Emission Vehicles (4/27/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙				×		↙	Alexander
HB 6857 Protecting Transportation Funding (3/18/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙					×	×	Altobello
HB 5286 Microbeads (3/20/2015): SUPPORT				↙					↙	↙							Aman
HB 5286 Microbeads (4/20/2015): SUPPORT				↙					↙	↙							Arce
HB 5286 Microbeads (6/03/2015): SUPPORT				↙					↙	↙							Arconti
SB 349 Plastic Bags (3/11/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙							Aresimowicz
SB 349 Plastic Bags (4/14/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙							Backer
SB 349 Plastic Bags (5/21/2015): SUPPORT				↙						↙							Baker
SB 941 Environmental Cleanup (3/11/2015): OPPOSE				↙						↙				×			Baram
SB 941 Environmental Cleanup (4/13/2015): OPPOSE				↙						↙					×		Becker
HB 7055 Connecticut First (4/30/2015): OPPOSED				↙						↙							Belsito
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Case	R	64	69		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗	✓			✓
Conroy	D	90	94			✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	
Cook	D	100	92			✓	✓			✓					✓	
Cuevas	D	100	92			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Currey	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓			✓			
D'Agostino	D	100	84			✓	✓		✓	✓						
D'Amelio	R	100	65			✓	✓			✓						
Dargan	D	100	90			✓	✓			✓						
Davis	R	83	67			✓	✓			✓						
Demitto	D	100	100		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓
Devlin	R	78	78	✗		✓	✓			✓						✓
Dillon	D	100	91		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓
Dubitsky	R	53	53		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✗				✓
Esposito	D	100	85			✓	A			✓						
Ferraro	R	83	83			✓	✓			✓			✗			
Fleischmann	D	100	96			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Floren	R	67	78			✓	A			✓						
Fox*	D	*	82**			A	A		A	A						
France	R	44	44	✗		A	✓		✓	✓			✗			
Frey	R	83	77			✓	✓			✓						
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Gentile	D	100	82			✓	✓			✓						
Giegler	R	100	74			✓	✓			✓						
Godfrey	D	100	92			✓	✓			✓						
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Guerrera	D	100	87			✓	✓			✓						
Haddad	D	86	95	✗		✓	✓			✓			✓			
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Hoydick	R	71	77			A	✓			✓						
Janowski	D	100	87			✓	✓			✓						
Johnson	D	100	94			✓	✓			✓			✓			







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Jutila	D	88	85	✗		✓	✓			✓						
Kiner	D	100	98			✓	✓			A						
Klarides	R	100	76			✓	✓			✓						
Kokoruda	R	78	79			✓	✓			✓	✗		✓	✗		
Kupchick	R	100	88			✓	✓			✓						
Labriola	R	78	76	✗		✓	✓			✓						
Lavielle	R	100	91			✓	✓			✓			✓			
LeGeyt	R	100	88			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Lemar	D	90	93			✓	✓			✓						
Lesser	D	86	98	✗		✓	✓			✓			✓			
Lopes	D	88	95			✓	✓			✓						
Luxenberg	D	100	94			A	✓			✓				✓		
MacLachlan	R	89	89			✓	✓			✓						
McCarthy Vahey	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓			✓			
McCarty	R	100	100			✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	
McCrary	D	100	91			✓	✓			✓			✓			
McGee	D	100	90			✓	✓			✓						
McGorty	R	67	67		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✗	✗		✓
Megna	D	93	95		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓
Miller, P.B.	D	88	91	✗		✓	✓			✓			✓			
Miller, P.J.	D	88	95		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓
Miner	R	64	57		✓	✓	✓	✗		✓			✗	✗		✓
Morin	D	88	86			✓	✓			✓						
Morris	D	100	93			A	✓			✓						
Mulligan	R	86	86		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✗	A		✓
Mushinsky	D	100	97		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓
Nicastro	D	100	86			✓	✓			✓						
Noujaim	R	100	64			✓	A			A						
O'Dea	R	88	73			✓	✓			✓						
O'Neill	R	86	83			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Orange	D	100	91			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Pavalock	R	80	80			✓	✓			✓						
Perillo	R	63	62			✓	✓			✓					✓	
Perone	D	100	87			✓	✓			✓						







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Piscopo	R	50	39		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗				✓
Porter	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Rebimbas	R	63	74	✗		✓	✓			✓						
Reed	D	100	96			✓	✓		✓	✓						
Riley	D	90	86			✓	✓			✓					✓	
Ritter, M	D	90	87			✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	
Rojas	D	90	83			✓	✓		✓	✓						
Rosario	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓			✓			
Rosati	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓						
Rose	D	100	86			✓	✓			✓				✓		
Rovero	D	100	91			✓	✓			✓						
Rutigliano	R	71	71			✓	✓			✓						
Ryan	D	87	90		A	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Sampson	R	67	63			✓	✓			✓						
Sanchez	D	86	93			✓	✓			✓						
Santiago, E	D	100	87			A	✓		✓	✓			✓			
Santiago, H	D	83	79			✓	✓			✓						
Sayers	D	78	78			✓	✓			✓					✗	
Scanlon	D	88	88		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓
Scott	R	86	86			✓	✓			✓						
Serra	D	88	86			✓	✓			✓						
Shaban	R	79	71		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗				✓
Sharkey	D	100	93			✓	✓			✓						
Simanski	R	78	77			✓	✓		✓	✓						
Simmons	D	100	100			✓	✓			✓						
Smith	R	71	62	✗		✓	✓			✓						
Sredzinski	R	100	100			✓	✓			✓						
Srinivasan	R	73	74			✓	✓		✓	✓					✗	
Stafstrom	D	86	86			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓
Stallworth	D	83	86			✓	✓			✓						
Staneski	R	75	75			✓	✓			✓		✗		✗		
Steinberg	D	89	93	✗		✓	✓			✓						
Tercyak	D	100	94			✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	





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Tong	D	92	89		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				A
Tweedie	R	79	79		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗	✗			✓
Urban	D	100	95		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Vail	R	100	100			✓	✓			✓						
Vargas	D	100	96			✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			
Verrengia	D	89	86			✓	✓			✓						
Walker	D	83	93			✓	✓			✓		✓				
Willis	D	100	97		✓	✓	A	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓
Wilms	R	80	80			✓	✓			✓		✓			✗	
Wood	R	83	79			✓	✓			✓						
Yaccarino	R	75	84			✓	✓			✓						
Zawistowski	R	73	72			✓	✓		✓	✓			✗			
Ziobron	R	63	75		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		✓
Zoni	D	88	84			✓	✓			✓					✓	
Zupkus	R	83	83			✓	✓			✓						











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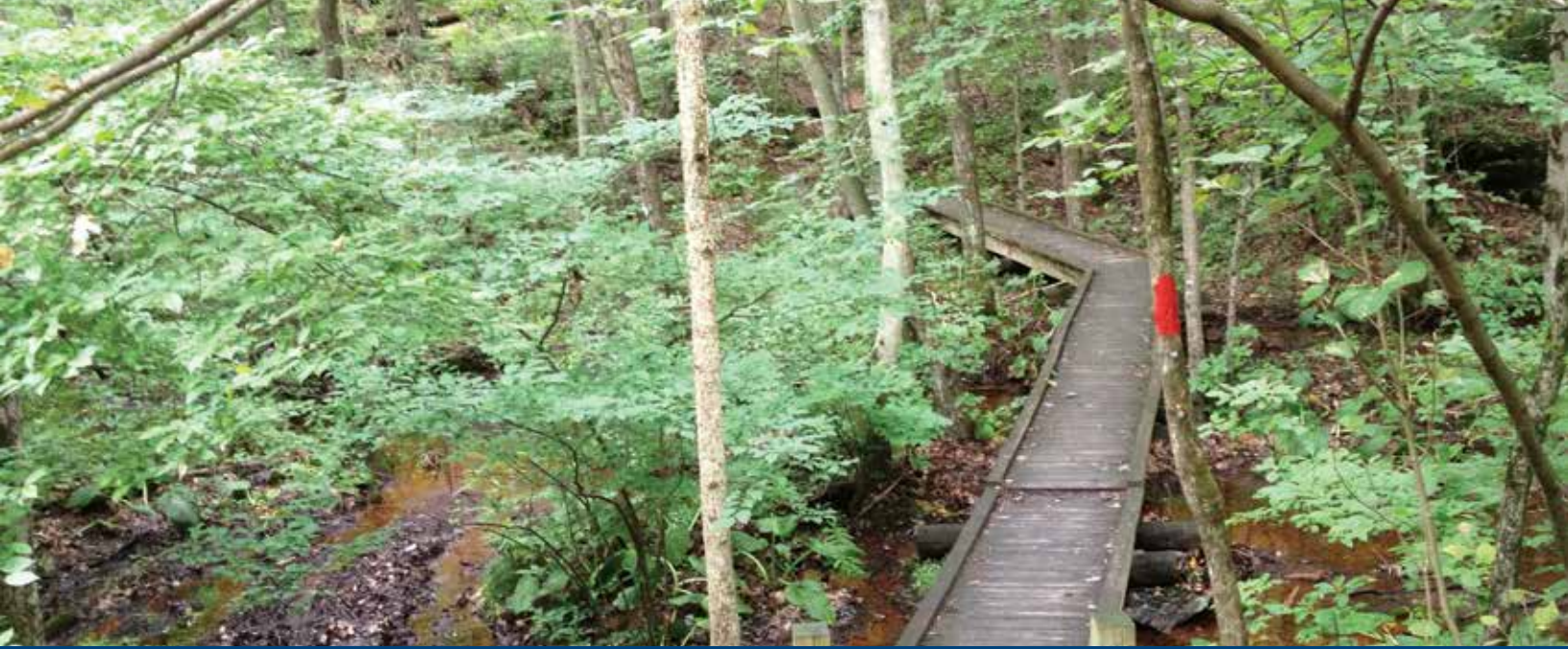
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# CTLCV 2015 Legislative Champions

CTLCV commends these lawmakers for their leadership on specific environmental issues during the 2015 legislative session.







# BILLS THAT WERE SCORED

## OPEN SPACE & PARKS

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### HB 6998 – AAC CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND: OPPOSED SECTIONS 13 & 14 / PASSED

Every year, the Legislature raises a bill to allow the transfer of public lands to towns and private parties. Often, there is no consistent review of the lands in question. The bill this year contained inappropriate provisions that would have conveyed 100 acres of Silver Sands State Park in Milford for parking, and provided access to private mining interests to build roads through the ecologically sensitive Quinebaug Wildlife Management area. The bill was finally stripped of these provisions and passed in Special Session. The only votes scored are when the bill contained the controversial language.

### SB 347 – AAC AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERCENTAGE OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED TO PURCHASE OPEN SPACE UNDER THE OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM: SUPPORTED / PASSED

It has been challenging for land trusts and towns to conserve open space under the current requirements to match funds of at least 30% before qualifying for combined state and federal funding. Under the new law, Public Act 15-23, a 10% match is sufficient and the state has the option to reduce that to zero under certain restrictions. This is a big win for land conservation as our state struggles to meet its open space goals.

Note:

AAC=An Act Concerning...

AA=An Act...

HB = House Bill

SB = Senate Bill

Supported / Opposed =  
Environmental Position

Passed / Failed =  
Legislative Response

**SB 1061 – AAC THE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF STATE PARKS: SUPPORTED / PASSED**

This bill, now Public Act 15-106, takes steps to improve the financial sustainability of our state parks. Too often state parks funding is slashed during tough economic times. This measure provides a new revenue stream by creating a dedicated State Parks Sustainability Account for charitable donations, and opens the door for private individuals, organizations, and businesses to sponsor parks.

**LONG ISLAND SOUND**

**HB 6839 – AAC A LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN AND RESOURCE AND USE INVENTORY: SUPPORTED / PASSED**

All too often, we don't recognize the complex marine diversity that exists in our waters, particularly in Long Island Sound. This bill, now Public Act 15-66, will begin to create a marine inventory. The "Long Island Sound Blue Plan" will establish a bi-state, multi-stakeholder process for assessing the Sound's natural resources and uses, and planning for their protection. Connecticut and New York will coordinate their efforts to better manage this shared resource, and to provide science-based guidance on the placement and appropriateness of new or expanded projects. The plan will also provide an ongoing forum for identifying, discussing and developing solutions for issues of joint concern.

**PESTICIDES & TOXICS**

**HB 5653 – AAC CHEMICALS OF HIGH CONCERN TO CHILDREN: SUPPORTED / FAILED**

There are many harmful chemicals that children are exposed to on a daily basis. These harsh chemicals can cause serious illnesses such as cancer and asthma, putting our most vulnerable populations at risk. Tracking and identifying these chemicals is essential if we are to reduce children's exposure. This bill would have required the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals potentially harmful to children and report to the Legislature's Public Health Committee concerning such chemicals. However, for the third year in a row, the Legislature took no action on this bill.

**HB 366 – AAC NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS: SUPPORTED / PASSED IN BUDGET IMPLEMENTER**

There were multiple bills generated during the regular session to provide meaningful protection for Connecticut residents and wildlife from dangerous pesticide exposure. These bills are scored separately in their respective committees. Several ideas from these bills were merged into one bill (SB 366) that passed the Senate with only two votes against it, but was not called in the House. The bill provided for better public notice when schools apply pesticides; approved a new non-toxic control for grubs; required state

agencies to prepare pesticide management plans; and banned the use of lawn-care pesticides on playground lawns on municipal properties. The bill in its entirety was inserted into the budget implementer and passed during the Special Session, marking the first progress on this issue since 2009.





**HB 6035 – AAC PESTICIDES AT STATE FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS: SUPPORTED / FAILED**

This bill imposed restrictions on applying non-emergency pesticide, including lawn care pesticide, to state agency property, but not the University of Connecticut Research Farm. The bill somewhat tightened the standards for emergency exemptions, and required electronic public notice for pesticide applications on state agency property. It required that a pesticide applicator working on state agency property be certified by DEEP. The bill also authorized the use of certain non-toxic lawn-care products, both on state agency property and elementary and middle schools, where the referenced products were previously banned.

**HB 6897 – AAC THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES AT STATE-OPERATED PARKS, ATHLETIC FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS: SUPPORTED / FAILED**

This bill essentially banned non-emergency application of pesticides at state parks, athletic fields, and playgrounds. It included certain modifications and exemptions to ease the transition and implementation for groundskeepers.

**HB 1063 – AAC THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES ON MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS: SUPPORTED / FAILED**

This bill addressed the use of lawn-care pesticides on municipal properties where children and families may gather. It prohibited application of any lawn-care pesticide on municipal athletic fields, greens, parks, and playgrounds. It authorized the use of certain non-toxic agents primarily for grub control. This authorization was also extended to elementary and middle schools where use of lawn-care pesticides, including the referenced non-toxic agents, is generally banned under current law. Note, the original bill raised in the Environment Committee also banned the use of lawn-care pesticides in high schools (lawn-care pesticides are already banned in elementary and middle schools). Unfortunately, the inclusion of



high schools was deleted, and the bill was further weakened in the Planning and Development Committee to apply restrictions only to municipal playgrounds.

## **ENERGY AND SOLAR POWER**

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**HB 6838 – AAC THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ACCESS TO RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY: SUPPORT / PASSED**

This year's major energy effort revolved around solar power. This bill, now Public Act 15-194, was proposed by Governor Malloy to create new markets in this fast growing industry. For the average homeowner, however, converting to solar power can be cost-prohibitive. This new law provides incentives that could assist as many as 40,000 homes with state-backed financing. This opportunity will not only create jobs in the solar industry and help homeowners shift to solar power, it will help reduce Connecticut's greenhouse gas emissions.



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## TRANSPORTATION

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### HB 7009 – AAC ELECTRIC AND ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES: SUPPORTED / FAILED

Transitioning to electric and other zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) is key to reducing Connecticut's greenhouse gas emissions, 40% of which come from the transportation sector. ZEVs not only cut emissions that contribute to climate change and harm public health, they also reduce our dependence on oil. Connecticut lawmakers considered a bill this session to spur wider adoption of these clean cars. The bill would have removed existing regulatory barriers, created incentives like free parking and lower electric rates for ZEV charging, and required the state and utilities to plan for increased ZEV charging. A pared-down version of the ZEVs bill was included in a large energy bill, which passed unanimously in the Senate but was never raised for a vote in the House. It is worth noting that Governor Malloy has since created a rebate program for ZEVs, which DEEP is administering.

### HB 6857 – AA PROTECTING TRANSPORTATION FUNDS SUPPORTED / FAILED

This bill would have established a "Lock Box" to ensure that monies collected for the purpose of transportation projects could not be used for

other needs. While Republicans and Democrats alike supported the overall initiative, there were several competing bills in the Transportation Committee that divided legislators along party lines, and would have been misleading to score. As such, CTLCV included only the strongly bi-partisan bill in this Scorecard.

## MICROBEADS

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### HB 5286 – AAC MICROBEADS: SUPPORTED / PASSED IN BUDGET IMPLEMENTER DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION

Microbeads are found in personal care products such as skin exfoliants and toothpaste. When these tiny plastic beads, like grains of sand, are eventually washed down the drain, they pass through sewage treatment plants and into our waterways and are mistaken for food by fish. Like all plastics, microbeads easily absorb toxins. As they work their way up the food chain, they are harmful to wildlife and ultimately humans. This bill, which passed as part of the budget implementer during the Special Session, features a two-year phase-in with a complete ban of the sale of personal care products containing microbeads by 2018. It is one of the first and strongest laws of its kind in the country.

## PLASTIC BAGS

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### SB 349 – AAC PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS: SUPPORTED / FAILED

Single use plastic shopping bags are used on average for 15 minutes, yet stay in our landfills for 1,000 years. The proliferation of plastic bags entangle wildlife, choke marine animals, and pollute the environment. This legislation was an attempt to offer incentives to consumers to phase in reusable bags and reduce dependence on plastic. As the bill moved through the Legislature, it was significantly altered on several occasions. At one point, a percentage of the fees collected would have been used to fund parks. In the end, the bill could not be negotiated to everyone's satisfaction and the bill was dropped. This is a serious problem that lawmakers should reintroduce in 2016.

## REGULATIONS

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### SB 941 – AAC DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN STANDARDS AND SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS UPON THE DETECTION OF POLLUTANTS CAUSING CONTAMINATION OF SOIL, GROUNDWATER OR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELLS: OPPOSED / FAILED

This bill would have delayed implementation of provisions of Public Act 13-308 concerning certain standards and sampling requirements upon the detection of pollutants causing contamination of soil, groundwater or public or private drinking water wells. Public Act 13-308 contained an original implementation lag of two years, and this bill was an effort to continue delaying important environmental cleanup standards.

### HB 7055 – AAC CONNECTICUT FIRST: OPPOSED / FAILED

This bill contained sections that would have created new hurdles to passing important environmental protection regulations. Provisions would have created an onerous process requiring



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any regulations that go beyond federal standards — such as those protecting clean water — to prove that they are necessary. Often, Connecticut agencies choose to pass rules that are more protective than federal standards based on science and local needs. These provisions were hidden in an otherwise acceptable bill.



# IMPORTANT BILL NOT SCORED

## HB 928 – AAC SHARED OR COMMUNITY SOLAR: SUPPORTED / FAILED

The original version of this bill would have opened the door for communities to buy solar power generated at a nearby facility. In response to opposition by utility companies, the final version of the bill directed DEEP to establish a three-year pilot project to develop a solar power facility shared by the local community and to file a report with recommendations by January 2019. Many advocates withdrew their support for this bill, citing it merely as a move to delay full implementation of a program that has proven to be successful in other states. As such, CTLCV did not score this legislation, but will continue to work with advocates in 2016 to support progress on solar power.



## CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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## ON THE HORIZON FOR 2016

Advocates are already hard at work preparing for next year, when the state Legislature convenes in February 2016. Some of the initiatives listed below may take shape in the months to come, so keep a lookout for these important proposals and let your legislators know of your support.

- COMMUNITY SHARED SOLAR – provide opportunities for communities to share solar facilities
- MINING – address the lack of controls and enforcement
- STORMWATER – manage industrial stormwater runoff
- PLASTIC BAGS – ban single use plastic bags statewide
- PESTICIDES – extend ban on pesticides in state parks to lawns, playgrounds and playing fields
- INVASIVE PLANTS – restrict sale of problem invasive species
- ARTIFICIAL TURF – discourage use of toxic artificial turf where children play
- FLAME RETARDANTS – reduce exposure to toxic chemicals





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