

# 2014 Candidate Survey



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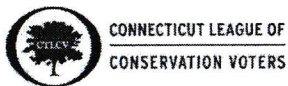
**Part 1:** If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?  
 Please mark boxes named "Support," "Uncertain," and "Oppose" with an x.

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
<b>Parks</b>	Would you support state park and forest revenues going to park and forest operations and maintenance rather than to the General Fund?	X		
Comments:				
<b>Transportation</b>	CT is one of the 10 states most dependent on federal funds as a percentage of their transportation expenditures. More than half of the states and localities have moved forward on increasing their funding share. Do you favor this and how might we do it in CT?	X		
Comments: New technology may make dedicated tolls, especially targeting interstate traffic, a viable option. I also believe we need to regionalized transportation policy through the new defined Metropolitan Planning Organizations.				
<b>Property Tax Reform</b>	CT's property tax burdens small towns, strangles cities, undermines mass transit and drives sprawl. Would you be an advocate on behalf of the environment in the tax reform debate, especially with regards to property tax?	X		
Comments: Smart growth strategies and increased funding for mass transit, especially rail, is imperative. We need to continue our efforts to make government more streamlined and responsive to environmental challenge. Through our ongoing regionalization efforts we can deliver better quality services in a more effective and cost – efficient manner. Savings achieved can help reduce our reliance on the property tax.				

Topic	Question	Support	Uncertain	Oppose
<b>Pesticides</b>	The American Academy of Pediatrics and many other science and medical institutions have warned that pesticides (including herbicides) are harmful to human and ecological health. CT has a ban on use of lawn care pesticides on grounds of elementary and middle schools. Would you support legislation to extend this ban to high schools and public parks where children play?	X		
Comments: I have become convinced that there are very effective organic alternatives to the use of pesticides.				
<b>Pesticides</b>	Should towns have more authority to limit or guide pesticide applications within their borders, including roadside spraying and applications of pesticides in wetlands and surface water?	X		
Comments:				
<b>Water Source Protection</b>	CT normally uses decades old data for setting standards and guidance for stormwater management. Would you support requiring the state to upgrade its standards using scientifically validated, up-to-date statistics on volumes of water associated with extreme storms and annual precipitation?	X		
Comments:				



<b>Microbeads</b>	Many personal care products such as shampoos and toothpaste are being manufactured using tiny plastic microbeads. Once microbeads are washed down the drain, they can enter lakes, rivers, and eventually the ocean through sewage overflows or pass through sewage treatment plants. Microbeads, like other plastics, can absorb toxic chemicals. They can be mistaken for food by aquatic life and can be passed up the food chain to larger fish, wildlife, and humans. Would you support legislation to protect our waterways from this new environmental threat?	X		
<b>Comments:</b> I would be interested in more information on this subject.				
<b>Conservation Lands</b>	Would you support passing a state Constitutional Amendment to better protect state conservation lands from being given away for non-conservation purposes?	X		
<b>Comments:</b> It is very concerning that protected lands dedicated in perpetuity are vulnerable to development.				
<b>Energy</b>	Would you support policies or legislation to protect and expand the state's cost-effective energy efficiency programs opposing any attempts to raid the CT Energy Efficiency Fund for state budgetary needs?	X		
<b>Comments:</b> Absolutely. Energy efficiency programs are essential, together with increased conservation efforts, are critical to sustain.				
<b>Energy</b>	While other states promote shared net metering and sub metering for solar, fuel cell and other distributed renewable sources, CT imposes regulatory barriers that effectively prevent development of these projects in our state. Would you support legislation that removes these barriers and enable clean renewable distributed generation to move forward?	X		
<b>Comments:</b> I believe our energy policy needs to vastly improve in this area. We can generate a substantial percentage of our energy needs with the robust deployment of in-state renewables.				
<b>Toxins</b>	Would you support legislation that requires the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals of high concern to children, manufacturer disclosure of those chemicals and a process for recommendations to reduce exposure?	X		
<b>Comments:</b> The degree to which our children are exposed to a toxic environment is alarming. I support efforts to reverse this trend.				



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

**Part 3: What are the environmental priorities in your district?**

**Continued remediation of the old Norwich Hospital site is a strong priority. The development of renewable**

**energy micro-grids and light green energy manufacturing (i.e. solar thermal, fuel cells, wind turbines, etc.. We still have not dealt effectively with invasive running bamboo. Finally, supporting efforts to increase dedicated open space in collaboration with land trusts and local agricultural advocates.**

**Part 4: If you are elected, what would be your top environmental priorities for the 2014 legislative session? Please identify up to three and rank the three in order 1, 2, or 3:**

- Parks
- Transportation
- Pesticides
- Water Source Protection
- Microbeads
- 3 Conservation Lands
- 2 Energy
- Toxins
- 1 Property Tax Reform
- Other (please explain)

**Comments:**

- We need to overhaul our antiquated and crushing property tax system. Regionalization and getting real about stimulating our economic base are two ways we can address this.
- Instead of relying on out of state hydro, wind and biomass, we need to double our efforts to produce renewable energy in state. Shared solar is one way of doing this in a major way.
- As the owner of a farm here in Preston, I intend to work with the state and land conservation groups and the local agricultural advocates to not only preserve our farm, but to create opportunities to conserve land by supporting diversified local food production.