



## 2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

### Quentin "Q" Phipps (Democrat)

House District 100

**1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:**

**Do you support transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2050 or sooner?**

Yes

Our economy and security is dependent on utilization of 100% clean energy as soon as possible.

**2) State Water Plan:**

**Will you support the plan as submitted to the legislature and affirm that water is a public trust?**

Yes

I will fight adamantly against any sale of public water resources to private entities. The government has a duty to provide healthy and safe water for all of our communities.

**3) Municipal Funding Pilot for Open Space:**

**Would you support legislation that would allow, but not require, certain municipalities to establish a dedicated fund to protect local open space, farmland and water resources through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?**

Yes

I fully support this policy and would point to the thousands of acres of open space that was secured by the City of Middletown when I was chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**4) Plastic Bag Pollution:**

**Would you support a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags (or a ban/fee hybrid) to significantly reduce plastic bag pollution in our state?**

Uncertain

I would submit legislation to provide incentives for the elimination of single plastic use bags. I agree their use has a major impact on our environment and we need to protect our wildlife and infrastructure. I want to create an equitable solution that's mindful that less economic advantaged communities use plastic bags more than once. Any policy created needs to accommodate and foster the change in behavior for under resourced communities. I'm supportive of eliminating plastic bag use, but I'd want to be mindful that we don't disparately impact underserved communities disproportionately.

**5) Gas Pipeline:**

**Will you support the repeal of the pipeline tax established in 2015?**

Yes

**6) Carbon Pricing:**

**Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?**

Yes

The key to carbon pricing is ensuring these revenues are invested equitably.

**7) Additional Comments:**