



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 132

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

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?

Uncertain

I'm a long supporter of funding for open space acquisition. I'm uncertain if conveyance fees would be the best approach. I supported and worked on a program Fairfield put in place in the 1990's that established an open space commission, funded by the town and private donations and a mechanism through our local conservation and zoning commissions for set asides of land for open space from proposed developments. The program was highly successful and dramatically helped build Fairfield's Open space inventory. I'm always willing to listen and learn about effective ideas for preserving land in Connecticut.

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?

Yes

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

I do believe a regional approach would be better than Connecticut going forward alone.

7) Additional Comments:

I believe bipartisanship and education are important in protecting our natural resources. I look forward to continuing to work with CTLCV toward our shared advocacy in the protection of our environment.