



## 2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

### Terrie Wood (Republican)

House District 141

**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?**

Yes

I have supported this enabling legislation in the past while on the Environment Committee. It makes good sense. Though, with our current economic situation in Connecticut -- the only state in the country to not regain jobs lost in the 2008 recession -- with expenses rapidly outpacing revenues, our state fiscal situation is of critical importance. Emergency mode. We need to stabilize our fiscal ship before we place another fee/tax on anyone or anything. So, while I support this concept ( and have supported it in committee), this is not the year to bring this concept forward.

**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

As founding chairman in 1990 of the Darien Environmental Group, I am in strong support of legislation that would ban plastic bags. One of our first projects was to have 5,000 cotton canvas shopping bags made. Many of us still use these bags 25 years later. Truly reduce, reuse, recycle.

**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?**

Uncertain

A very good point on the true cost of fossil fuels, "externalities" as they are also known. We do need to connect people with the knowledge that there is this "cost" to burning fossil fuels and that individually, we can all be part of the solution to address this. It is better policy to incentivize good behavior and not penalize bad behavior to start. With our state fiscal crisis as it is,, another tax on working people and families will not be productive. I'd be in favor of tax incentives to buy energy efficient vehicles, appliances and homes. I'd climate "corporate welfare" to pay for these incentives. After we stabilize our fiscal ship, taxing fossil fuels would be a consideration.

**7) Additional Comments:**

My first involvement in public service was co-founding the Darien Environmental Group in 1990. I served as president of the Darien Land Trust and during my tenure, initiated and protected more open space than all other presidents combined. Other experience includes the Trust for Public Land CT Advisory Board ( 2003 to 2018) serving as board chair for two years. My heart for many years has been with protecting our environment and the preservation of open space. Thank you to you all for all you to help support our environment.