



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House District 143

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

Given the state's current financial condition and the fragility of the real estate market, I do not support any new taxes or fees at this time. But I checked "uncertain" because I do believe that any town whose population wants to create a dedicated source of revenue to fund land conservation and stewardship should be able to do so, particularly because Connecticut's municipalities have very limited avenues for raising revenues. I do strongly support the idea of passing enabling legislation to facilitate local funding of something as important as land conservation. I just do not believe this should be done through a real estate conveyance fee, and would rather see municipalities fund local conservation efforts in other ways.

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

I would also consider ways to encourage limiting the use of other plastic products.

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 believe the best way to implement this successfully is to do it on a regional basis in New England.

7) Additional Comments:

I am most grateful to the CT League of Conservation Voters for its advocacy for the environment and for being a valuable resource to us as legislators when we are making critical decisions that will affect our environment for years to come.