

2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment Jill Barry (Democrat)

House District 31

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 support open space. In Glastonbury, where I am the Vice Chair of the Town Council, the purchase of open space has been a priority and the Town continues to make successful purchases. Glastonbury has established a Land Acquisition Fund, in which monies are authorized, by the voters by referendum, to acquire open space at the Town Council's discretion. This approach has been extremely successful. I am not sure if it would work in all municipalities but it is definitely another option.

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

7) Additional Comments: