



## 2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

### Christine Palm (Democrat)

House District 36

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

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

Yes

The only rational stance on energy is to move toward 100% clean sources, and to do anything less is folly.

**2) State Water Plan:**

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

Yes

We saw in Bloomfield the consequences of privatizing water supplies. Increasingly, this resource must be protected and shared.

**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 am checking "yes" in principal, but am concerned about whether this conveyance fee would make homes unaffordable for first-time home-buyers. We need to make sure these two concerns are not working at cross purposes.

**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

This is a no-brainer to me. I've been bringing canvas bags to the grocery store since I was a teenager, and that was many decades ago.

**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 heard a fascinating talk by someone from the Citizens Climate Lobby on this subject. It seems a key way to protect the environment and spread the wealth more equitably.

**7) Additional Comments:**

Thank you for your pro-active stance and actions. I look forward very much to hearing from you, and I hope you will seriously considering endorsing me. Environmental protection is one of my key platforms, as I live in -- and hope to represent -- an area along the gorgeous Connecticut River, which must be protected. I remember when it was filthy. NEVER again!