



## 2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

### Paul Honig (Democrat)

House District 76

**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

**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?**

Uncertain

I'd like to read more about the impacts of additional natural gas pipelines on CT before formulating an opinion

**6) Carbon Pricing:**  
**Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?**

Uncertain

In principal I'm for carbon pricing, but need to become more informed about specific ways this could be implemented before forming an opinion.

**7) Additional Comments:**

In 2012 my wife and I built the first certified Passive House in the state of CT. We won the Zero Energy Challenge and received coverage on two local TV stations and numerous newspapers including a front page article in the Hartford Courant. You can read my blog with over 70,000 page views by searching for Our Connecticut Passive House. I try to respect the environment in my daily life. I live in a net-zero house. My two cars are a Toyota Prius and Chevy Bolt. I built my own solar hot water system. I was a member of the town's Clean Energy Committee. I was an ambassador for our town's Solarize Harwinton program. I wrote a blog post in support of the program detailing the high financial returns of owning solar panels. I hate plastic water bottles and carry around a refillable bottle. I hate plastic shopping bags and almost never use them. I don't use plastic straws. I periodically walk around my neighborhood picking up trash. On a sunny day, I'll wait until the afternoon to do laundry so that the sun is heating the water, etc.