# 2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

## John-Michael Parker  Democrat
## House , 101

**OPEN QUESTION**

As a member of the Environment Committee, I've had the privilege of working on a number of environmental issues over the last two years. Given that my district includes the shoreline town of Madison, issues of coastal resilience have been particularly important. I've been grateful to get to work closely with folks at CIRCA on developing planning capacity and ensuring that our municipalities are supported and empowered to take appropriate actions to plan for the future. Given issues that are important locally, I've also been interested in wastewater management and its impact on the coastline.

My top environmental priority for 2023 will be tackling the complex issues around solid waste management—including EPR, product restrictions, further incentivizing unit-based pricing, and expanding recycling and composting.

The environment matters to me because, of course, it is one of the few truly existential issues we face. Like so many I continue to be disappointed (and, frankly, fearful) of our inability to make more progress federally, and know that state legislatures (especially with respect to our interactions with municipalities) must be on the frontlines of this effort. In a more personal sense, I love spending time outdoors, and am very aware of the immense privilege we have living in Connecticut—especially those of us along the shoreline. I'm an avid fisherman (from the shore, the kayak, and the boat) and am passionate about fisheries management and protecting the sound because I'm so close to the impacts of those policies (or lack thereof). Lastly, in my capacity as a representative of the people of the 101st district, the environment must be a top issue because of the many voters in Madison and Durham who rank this among their top issues.

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1) **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:**
   - Yes

**2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:**
- Yes

**3) POLYSTYRENE:**
- Yes

**4) PFAS:**
- Yes

**5) NEONICOTINOIDS:**
- Yes

**6) RODENTICIDES:**
- yes

**7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:**
- Yes

**8) BEARS:**
- yes

**9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:**
- Yes

**10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:**
- Yes

**11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:**
- Yes

## 12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- yes
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