

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Joan Lewis	Running for:	House	District	8	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I very much support the restoration of funds to DEP; however, I recognize the economy needs to improve to make this a reality.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Maintaining the dedicated CIA funding is of great priority to me. I strongly support the programs it funds and did ask the Speaker not to reduce the funding on several occasions. Currently, I serve on a task force dedicated to rural issues which I believe will be of assistance in supporting the CIA funding; and I was a Farm Legislator of the Year in 2009 for helping to save our dairy farms. I am also a member of our local historical society and work with the market committee for Coventry's Farmers Market.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will work and speak in favor of the restoration of these funds. I understand the important role it plays in reducing costs.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will be glad to work with others to maintain these funding levels.</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would be glad to support/ co-sponsor legislation to protect our waterways.</p>	<p>Support</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would be glad to co-sponsor such legislation.</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Although not on the Transportation Committee, I strongly support investing in mass transit projects particularly rail. This would definitely help spur Connecticut's economy and attract business to our state.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Uncertain</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I think this sounds like an idea to be pursued if it is enabling legislation and not mandatory. I know our Town has found it difficult to fund programs.</p>	<p>Support</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would be very glad to participate in enacting such legislation. Harmful chemicals should be restricted.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

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11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is an issue I would need to learn more about; but if CCEF requires compliance, I would believe that it is important that the standards be met.</p>	<p>Support</p>
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe we should continue to support existing laws and regulations; however, I am not opposed to considering modifications if the regulation or law produces unforeseen results.</p>	<p>Support</p>
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I served on the Smart Growth Committee and believe in smart growth principles. I support offering incentives to get towns to participate.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe I would support this; however, I would like to better understand as to how this would impact the transferee if indeed like those people along Route 6, they were just buying their land back. This might be appropriate in some but not all transfers. If the State had knowledge or concerns, why would the State sell or transfer land that would have negative impacts – perhaps some of the burden should fall on the State.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is another priority for me. I currently serve as CoChair of the Board of Ed functions committee of the MORE Commission. I will continue to work on these issues in my role as a member and Co-Chair.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>Candidate Comments: I have supported and will continue to support such legislation.</p>	
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would be glad to look at such legislation particularly as it would be enabling. Certainly, a town should have the right to protect the health of its citizens.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Establish long range planning objectives and strategies. Continue to identify adequate and reliable alternative energy sources to reduce dependency on fossil fuels. Develop strategies for preventing adverse monetary impacts like that of gas and oil a few years ago. Continued education and research. Policies to reduce peak demand.</p>	
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am not that knowledgeable on the pros and cons of nuclear energy. However, I believe public safety and environmental issues should be the top consideration. If concerns cannot be satisfied then it should not be expanded.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Community Investment Act**

Comments: I believe it is imperative that we maintain the funding to save our dairy farms, for farm preservation, to protect open space, for historic preservation – I would be glad to speak out on the importance of this legislation.

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Candidate:	Geoff Luxenberg	Running for:	House	District	12	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support within available appropriations.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am interested in learning more from the membership of the CTLCV about this issue.</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p>	Lead

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Environmental Standards	Candidate Comments:	
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am interested in learning more from the membership of the CTLCV about this issue.</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>The State of CT needs a comprehensive energy plan that promotes conservation, reduces energy costs for individuals and businesses, and includes significant strategic investments in alternative energy sources. These sources should include wind, solar, natural gas, fuel cell, and geothermal. When the State partners with entrepreneurs and the business community and makes strategic investments in emerging green energy technologies, we can create new middle class jobs, make our energy policy more sustainable, reduce our dependency on foreign oil, and significantly improve our environment in Connecticut.</p>	

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19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I do not support expanding Nuclear Energy in Connecticut at this time. I believe we have other alternative energy options that we have not taken full advantage of in our state, including wind, solar, geothermal, fuel cell, natural gas and other options. I will remain open-minded to any proposal for a new energy source in Connecticut that is clean and safe, but I do not believe Nuclear energy is needed at this time.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: Clean energy and energy efficiency are top priorities for the State of Connecticut. If elected, I will work hard to lobby legislative leadership and the Governor to make the appropriate investments in these areas. I would also consider sponsoring legislation that provides the resources we need to invest in clean energy and energy efficiency programs and working collaboratively with the CTLCV on any other efforts to promote the cause.

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Candidate: Cheri Ann Pelletier	Running for: House	District 13	Party: Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: At the local level, I testified with the state to increase Brownfield remediation and preservation funds. IN 2005, I was awarded an historic preservation award and have fought vigorously to increase funding for historic preservation. My record is also solid as a candidate repeatedly endorsed by local farmers.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would enthusiastically lead this legislation and continue my support of expanding weatherization and utility funding for energy efficient products and services.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe CT must expand rail and light rail connectivity to ensure we are economically viable now and in the future. I would also endorse the use of CT's restricted lane to hybrid drivers as an incentive to conserve energy.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Would support such legislation if it was restricted to commercial transactions (not first time homebuyers) and leaves the participation decision to participate to municipal boards.</p>	<p>Support</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Likely to support but would need more information.</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support a thorough review of CT environmental laws and regulations to ensure that they are effective in preventing problems and modified if they are inadequate or lax.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a Manchester official, I have supported smart growth principles and promoted local projects and plans to be a CT leader in this area. For example, CRCOG and Manchester initiated a smart growth study of our Broad Street Redevelopment Plan</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support the opportunity to strengthen the evaluation process for municipalities with state funding.</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

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	<p>Candidate Comments: I support the control of pesticide use by the State that empowers municipalities to enforce such legislation, but I believe the laws should be uniform and equal to all municipalities, therefore governed by the state.</p>	
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I advocate the State taking a proactive role in incentivizing energy conservation for residents and businesses, being a leader in developing smart growth projects and fully funding mass transportation initiatives.</p>	
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am not completely opposed to expanding nuclear energy in CT if the need arises and proper controls and safety procedures are legislated, but I would prefer to promote alternative energy sources first and incentivize conservation protocols and practices.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: As a former social worker, I saw firsthand the need to provide energy efficiency funding at the most basic levels. I firmly believe in education from a ground up approach. I have seen the dramatic impact subsidizing energy improvements can have on a low income and moderate income family's resources while increasing the quality of the participant's health and everyday life. Providing similar opportunities to small businesses also affords an opportunity to increase employment opportunities and local revenue. All of the above have a dramatic impact on one's ability to pay and retain sustainable communities.

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Candidate:	David Baram	Running for:	House	District	15	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	Yes				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am very concerned about low funding. I served as a CEQ member for several years and understand the importance of this issue.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Bloomfield has used this fund and is applying again. We must sustain it.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We need to work toward restoration, especially as the economy rebounds. Education of consumers is the first step in conservation.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'm prepared to be an advocate.</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Support

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	<p>Candidate Comments: This is an issue of significant importance. The unintended consequences to human health is great!</p>	
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Buffers are important in protecting sensitive environmental areas. There should be uniformity.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am a longtime advocate of mass transit i.e. Griffin Line, Commuter HOV lanes, etc. We must promote mass transit of all kinds.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The conveyance tax should be made permanent, unless a dedicated revenue source is provided to replace it. Using proceeds for things which include "green funds" makes much sense. It should be a local option.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the children's committee, I voted in favor of eliminating cadmium and using "green supplies" at schools. This is an important issue.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

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11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We need to maintain our standards of hydropower facilities for old and new alike.</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Our environmental laws and regs serve a continuing purpose and they should be protected and honored.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am a strong advocate of smart growth and incentives, through grants or tax revenue should be offered to influence towns to follow such principles.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The process and review should be the same and remain consistent.</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am an advocate of fairer taxes such as a progressive income tax, a progressive succession tax, tolls, hotel tax, internet tax, and a local sales tax option. Reduction of property tax reliance is an important goal.</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support continuation of this important legislation. I voted to use "green" cleaning products in schools, too! The ban continues to make sense.</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides</p>	Support

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	<p>within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It should be a local option. Most local zoning and wetlands agencies already include pesticide plans as part of an approval process.</p>	
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>We need a strong policy with vision. I voted for the overhaul energy bill.</p>	
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>CT has its share of nuclear plants. I favor an emphasis on other energy forms.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Community Investment Act**

Comments: I would be an advocate and sponsor appropriate legislation.

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Candidate: Leo Canty	Running for: House	District 15	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? Yes		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must do much more re energy policy - big changes are needed and leadership is necessary. Conservation is a key and fast approach to lower some of the demand - with a consequence being lower rates if market rules apply - which I am not sure works on our grid... Ideally we would have state resources to support good programs - I don't like fees surcharges etc that ultimately go thru to consumers as another regressive tax but we need to do al we can to get funds for the program until we get nit right</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Same as above - we are fighting for pieces too often and we don't take on the BIG problem - I will fight for pieces so we don't move in reverse - but we absolutely need BIG solutions that this</p>	Support

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	will be a part of	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We are slowly poisoning our state - ourselves and our children - too bad most people don't see the harm and impact. Is it really cheaper to ignore the problem - as we shorten lives ???</p>	<p>Support</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We collectively have no idea on the critical lasting damage we do on our water and our lives with dumb growth and destruction of the natural waterflow process We need to be screaming louder and making it known how dangerous a path we are on and do all we can to turn it around</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must get into a more density oriented thinking mode and ramp up efforts for transit and walkable/bicycle communities my good friends in construction love building and fixing highways for jobs incubation but we need to show them we can grow better more lasting jobs with a good investment in cities and transit and infrastructure that works better-longer..</p>	<p>Support</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am a big fan of green space and want to keep or change back as much of our natural charm as we can I know we need funding - I hate it when we tax, fee, collect etc little things and make life and compliance more complicated - our tax structure should support these things when we make them priorities - I'd rather fix a broken tax system and make more fair balanced and focused on priorities</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	than add to the inane unjust regressive structure That said - let's still do what we can in short to fix it in long	
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We are poisoning ourselves - slowly and surely - it must stop or we die</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Our energy "policy " is lacking - sucks actually - if one can claim we have a policy. We need to invest in alternatives as part of a big integrated plan that does more to enhance our state and make our energy more affordable and cleaner. Again - we chase and support pieces and we must be more aggressive in building strong bold comprehensive plans - too many legislators vote on pieces and stop working having claimed they did something - we can't just do small things to fix BIG problems anymore we're running out of time</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I do not want to go backwards - and we need to organize more support against so called easy (cheap) ways out. Profits chase short term actions - our lives depend on our long termvision - our lives need to be paramount..</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Been with 1000 friends and a leader on this stuff for a while more info www.1000friends-ct.org Served on the Gov's task force for Responsible Growth - that didn't do anything as per her style Served on Brendan Sharkey's Smart Growth working group as a committee co-chair I believe smart growth emphasis will be a catalyst to tax restructuring and a very valid reason to revamp our taxing system that diminishes over reliance on property taxes for funding</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This needs to be done right and a part of a larger comprehensive plan. Again our small minds in the political environment need to think a tad more multi dimensional and work on integration of ideas and disciplines to come up with more strategic comprehensive and integrated plans that work to save our state from a lousy looking future.</p>	
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Have been a leader and will push harder to fix the entire tax structure with property tax over reliance being a part of a fairer more just balanced and smarter tax structure</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: as in #5 and 10 - we stop poisoning ourselves or we die - or become cast members in mutant movies it's actually not that funny -</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: see above - but we need a smarter plan - I like towns that may want to work to stop poisoning itself but what happens with towns where the control may be with people who know poison is bad but may benefit from using bad poison because of economic reasons? This needs to be part of a better state plan - I always worry about local control and the inalienable right to do bad things - but I worry about bad state plans generated by small minds who get to vote on them in the legislature</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>There is a big box here and I have no answer - if it was simple enough for me to understand we'd be in better shape - here's a couple things Conservation efficiency - support promote create incentives to implement - the fastest/easiest" thing to do is to conserve Take on the grid - why did we spur "competition" everywhere but with ISO??? Support and build more power infrastructure - Play hard ball with the guys who are robbing us blind We lack a plan or any policy - the money interests are so strong they block everything</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Nukes are bad as we know them - a tad too dangerous and messy for me and they can take a long time to build right - if there is a right way We need faster solutions and it may be that many alternatives could actually be better and cheaper but we are not heading in any new directions that could help prove that I don't rule it out - if conditions mitigate my concerns - France I believe is making headway in safety and waste issues - but they have few choices w</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which ONE of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments: All things flow from our revenue structure in this state and we are failing miserably in doing that right. We are among the most imbalanced states with an excessive over reliance on property taxes to pay the bills - that pressure causes bad decisions for land use and all things associated If we fix our tax structure - take pressure off of property taxes - share resources and provide incentives for good smart growth and environmental enhancement many of the above items fall in place - as they fit into a comprehensive strategic plan that protects our states natural beauty charm and supports growth in smart places like cities It is very clear in my mind - I see the big integrated multidimensional picture - I get a sense few do they seem only to be able to wrestle with pieces - in silos - that are often contradictory instead of complimentary and VOILA - we have the manure pile we call state policy - but it's manure no one would even want to spread on their veggies because it's toxic Let's get it done - I am talking taxes in my campaign and people want to see this fixed - the middle class - our state success incubator - is being hampered and we need to get that base back in the game and moving in good ways to help fix the mess we're in - I think lower property taxes as an outcome helps charge that base into action and I think smart growth principles will fuel that fire - unlike pouring gasoline - which only burns fast for a minute - an engaged and inspired and fired up middle class will be more powerful than the sun - and not run out of gas as quickly as gas.... so to speak...

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Candidate:	Linda Schofield	Running for:	House	District	16	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	3 Ryan Circle, Simsbury, CT 006070	Phone:	860-651-8739	Email:	l.schofield@att.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As much as I strongly support fully funding DEP, the budget is in deep trouble and I'm not sure it is realistic to think that any agency will get full funding. I'm sure we'll be looking at massive cuts everywhere, as well as new taxes. So my best hope is to make sure DEP does not come in for a disproportionate share of the pain!</p>	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The CIA already took some significant cuts, and as I understand these programs, they bring in more than a dollar of federal money for each dollar of state money and also help to create jobs. So I will be supporting funding for CIA.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I did not support the raiding of this fund, which is supposed to have a dedicated source of revenue. Sweeping this money is a breach of the public trust, since we got the surcharge passed on the basis that it would be used for one purpose and now it is unused for another. Furthermore, we need to reduce our energy consumption through more conservation efforts.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Fund	Candidate Comments: I feel strongly about moving towards greater use of clean renewable energy sources, not only for the sake of the environment, but for international political reasons as well.	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments: I have not worked on this issue previously because I was focused on recycling. But now that I've gotten that bill passed, I would like to take on a new project and this one seems up my alley, given my health care background. So I'd be happy to play a lead role on this.	Lead
6. Riverfront Protection	What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? Candidate Comments:	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)? Candidate Comments: I am a very strong supporter of bike paths and played a part in helping my town get designated as the first "Bicycle Friendly" town in CT. I also strongly support more development of mass transit, not only because it's good for the environment, but because it is good for economic development as well.	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts? Candidate Comments: Uncertain	Uncertain
9. Community Green Fund	What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them? Candidate Comments: The current conveyance tax is already quite controversial. I would probably be reticent to add to it and I think the public will never believe that a "dedicated tax" will really be used for its intended purpose. I'm afraid myself that it will be just one more fund that gets swept.	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support environmental protections, but I also do support efforts to streamline and expedite processes that are excruciatingly and unnecessarily slow. DEP has had some very good success in this area already by using the LEAN approach to process improvement, without eliminating the beneficial impact of regulating to prevent misuse of the environment.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support this as long as it is not an unfunded mandate on the towns. I'm not sure if it would be proposed with state funding to support the towns' compliance.</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support and have voted for efforts to establish regional efficiencies and to incentivize smart growth.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'd like to hear more about this issue before deciding. I got a blank page when I clicked on the background info.</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I supported Vicki Nardello's bill. I'm not very knowledgeable about energy policy, but I think we need to encourage alternative energy sources, incentivize energy conservation, and consider re-introducing some of the regulatory approaches that were de-regulated some years ago. The current competitive system does not seem to be working. I understand that we also need more power generating capacity, and we need to find a way to do that as cleanly as possible. I don't want to sacrifice our air quality for more electricity.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I do support nuclear energy. I understand that there are new power plant designs that could be standardized and are known to be safe and efficient. If we use a tried and tested design, we can generate energy more cheaply and in a fashion that does not pollute the air or water. There are no energy sources that are yet capable of providing an adequate amount of energy that are without drawbacks. Coal and fossil fuels are very polluting. Wind and solar do not produce enough energy - especially in CT, which is neither windy nor always sunny. Countries like France have been using nuclear to produce 90% of their power for ages, and they have not had any Chernobles!</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Medical Waste Disposal**

Comments: AS noted above, I am interested in the issue of medical waste, given my health background. I'd be happy to introduce and work on a bill on this topic, although I'll need some help getting up to speed on it. IN addition, if there is more work to do on recycling, I'd be happy to do it. I still support, for example, the 5 cents bag tax on paper and plastic bags. I helped Denise MErrill with that bill previously, but it unfortunately failed. I'd rather see that revenue source used for environmental purposes than adding a new conveyance tax.

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Candidate:	Robert Kalechman	Running for:	House	District	16	Party:	Unaffiliated
Mailing Address:	971 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 006070	Phone:	860-658-0265	Email:	rhkalechman@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Both the Democratic and Republican parties have totally ignored the danger of runoff and allowed pesticides to pollute our rivers and streams, destroy our animal population, and polluted the land and soil and, in some cases, have made it impossible to build on.</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>environmental laws and regulations? Candidate Comments:</p>	
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries? Candidate Comments: My opponents, both the Democrat and Republican, for over the past half century, have allowed pesticides to be used in Simsbury, Connecticut and the run off of these pesticides have polluted the Farmington River and its tributaries.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable? More conservation policies should be put in place. More investments and research should be done on producing alternative energy such as wind, solar and Connecticut should invest and build power plants in Canada and bring this energy into Connecticut via power lines.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I support clean nuclear energy in the state of Connecticut provided that it is carefully monitored locally and by the ,state and federal government. The new technology of nuclear energy has advanced the safety issues to a very high standard. The government of France has a very successful nuclear energy policy and they h ave reduced their reliance on Middle East oil.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: With the creation of new transportation and mass transit Connecticut can accomplish clean energy and energy efficiency thus creating a greener community which would be less costly and allow property reform which is sorely needed in Connecticut.

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Candidate:	Brian Becker	Running for:	House	District	19	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?					

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The DEP must be adequately funded to have the resources it needs to do its job.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Land preservation and remediation is an important societal goal. In addition, as we look to become a greener society, locally-grown produce is an integral component.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Given that Connecticut is second in the nation in energy cost, it is imperative that Connecticut become a world leader in energy efficiency as well as in alternative energy design, development, and construction. We will not only help ourselves with our own energy costs, but will help the world wean itself off of fossil fuels and create good-paying jobs in the process.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Again, our goal should be for Connecticut to become a world leader in alternative energy design, development and construction. (See answer to question 3 above).</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Clearly an important issue that needs more publicity. I think if people were more aware of the issue and steps they could take to prevent it from happening, there would be a major improvement in a relatively short period of time.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As someone with a body of water in his front yard and who serves as president of the neighborhood lake association, I understand the importance of maintaining vegetative buffers to help protect water quality and all that flows from it.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Getting cars off the highways will alleviate traffic congestion and help the environment. I think high-speed rail is a key component to accomplishing that goal and to Connecticut remaining a location of choice for employers and individuals.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support local communities engaging in environmental programs along the lines stated in the question, but I am uncertain a real estate transfer fee is the best way to fund those programs. The state may be in the better position to raise the necessary revenues through a fairer tax system and provide the money to the municipalities.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must do all we can to protect our citizens - and particularly our children - from exposure to harmful chemicals.</p>	
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We should encourage hydropower generation while assuring preservation of the environment.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I oppose weakening our environmental laws. We should use our ingenuity to find environmentally-friendly ways to produce the energy and products we need.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support smart growth and, to the extent the budget will allow, incentives for towns to implement smart growth strategies.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: There should be a level of consistency in our stewardship of the land.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe we need to reduce property taxes and institute a fairer tax structure to fund our municipalities' needs.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>Candidate Comments: Again, we need to do all we can to protect our children from exposure to harmful chemicals.</p>	
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Each municipality should have the right to pass regulations regarding the level of pesticides it will allow within its borders so long as those regulations are not more lax than any standards set by the state.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I think energy is one of the most important issues we face. It sits at the intersection of our national security (our dependence on foreign oil - from sources often hostile to our way of life - puts us at real, immediate risk), our economy (every time there is a spike in oil prices, there is a corresponding negative jolt to our economy), and our environment (Connecticut's air quality, particularly in the summer, is often poor and just look at the Gulf of Mexico). Energy independence is key to maintaining our freedom and our way of life. Massachusetts has its Route 128 and California has its Silicon Valley. I think we should have the "Connecticut Corridor" focused on the design, development, and construction of alternative energy systems. Solar, wind, water, geothermal, tidal, biodiesel, fuel cell and even safe nuclear energy options should be developed and built for use here in Connecticut and throughout the world. We have many excellent institutions of higher education in our tiny state. Yale, Wesleyan, Trinity, Connecticut College, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and UConn are just a few examples. We need to keep highly educated graduates here and entice them to work in the Connecticut Corridor to make a real difference for us and the world. We can make energy independence a reality. We just need to have the will to make it happen.</p>	
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I think nuclear energy is one option we should explore, at least in the short-run, to gain our independence from fossil fuels. Long-term, however, I would like to see us move to renewable, less problematic, alternative sources of energy.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: I would like to be an advocate for the "Connecticut Corridor" concept outlined in the answer to question 18 above and for infrastructure improvements including high-speed rail.

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Candidate:	Terry Schmitt	Running for:	House	District	19	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	Terry Schmitt Leadership Committee, West Hartford, CT 006117	Phone:	860-970-5237	Email:	terrerschmitt19@gmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	Yes				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will be a first term member of the General Assembly. Given the budget crisis that our state faces, I can promise to be supportive of DEP funding, but I am sure that I will have to follow the lead of our caucus.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will be a first term member of the General Assembly. Given the budget crisis that our state faces, I can promise to be supportive of continued funding, but I am sure that I will have to follow the lead of our caucus.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will be a first term member of the General Assembly. Given the budget crisis that our state faces, I can promise to be supportive of this funding, but I am sure that I will have to follow the lead of our caucus.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will be a first term member of the General Assembly. Given the budget crisis that</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	our state faces, I can promise to be supportive of this funding, but I am sure that I will have to follow the lead of our caucus.	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In this case, without a direct budgetary component in the question, I can promise to lead a fight to control medical waste and pharmaceuticals. The recent series of articles in the NY Times on the safety of our water supplies indicates that state regulations nationwide are decades behind in addressing the real problems facing our water supply. I would definitely take a leadership role in addressing this problem.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I like the idea very much, but I would want to investigate the financial impact of such efforts on local and state governments. I would work hard to enable and support appropriate volunteer efforts, notably through school projects and local volunteer efforts.</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I really want us to adjust our perspectives here in a major way. Bike paths would be high on my list, along with much better, and more appropriate, public transportation projects.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am all for providing local governments flexibility in providing resources for their needs, especially related to our environmental needs.</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children’s products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Beth Bye promoted this concern wonderfully in the last term, and I'm running for her seat. I intend to follow Beth's lead in this area, not just because Beth did this, but because we have to do a better job of protecting our most vulnerable citizens from</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund’s grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am generally in support of alternative energy production.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut’s existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: West Hartford has demonstrated that smart growth is good growth. This is exactly the direction for the rest of the state, and I expect to promote that view in a variety of ways.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will do everything I can to reduce the reliance on the property tax for Connecticut's towns. This will be a long battle, but it is a necessary one. At the bottom of too many of our local issues of development, support for education, and local funding</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>We lost a chance last year to make a significant start towards a comprehensive energy policy when a flawed, but workable, bill was vetoed. We can produce a better bill, but the point is, we need an overall policy that promotes conservation, allows for flexibility in ratepayer charges depending on hours of usage, and a host of other ways to invite conservation.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>In general, I support alternatives to carbon-based energy production. Just about everything about coal-produced electricity is dirty and dangerous for everyone concerned. So I would include the consideration of nuclear energy production as a part of the mix of things we might do to reduce our carbon footprint. Some of the newer and safer designs for nuclear power plants are worthy of serious consideration.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: Conventional arguments about legislation regarding the environment pits "the environment" versus "jobs." I think we will have to move way beyond that kind of thinking in the coming years, not only because it is often a false dichotomy, but also because we have to consider the total impact of legislation on our state and region. So my leading tactic with regards to energy initiatives is to get seemingly opposing sides together to sift out the parts of legislation that can be mutually beneficial to those people concerned about the environment, the business climate, and the overall quality of life in our state.

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Candidate:	Denise Hall	Running for:	House	District	19	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I understand the importance of a funding source, but I am not sure that the real estate transfer fee is appropriate - especially as the housing market is facing its own crisis these days!</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This background information did not provide me with enough information to make an informed opinion.</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>environmental laws and regulations? Candidate Comments:</p>	
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions? Candidate Comments: I hesitate to impose even more mandates on municipalities.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow? Candidate Comments: It would depend on the cost and source of funding for the requirement.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable? I believe it is imperative to make energy more affordable in Connecticut in order to attract and retain businesses. I am not an expert in this field, but I believe that we have the people in business and industry in Connecticut with the ingenuity to help us to achieve sustainable, renewable sources of energy. I would look forward to collaborating with them and to implement legislation to promote those alternatives.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am not opposed to nuclear energy, but I am not sure that any municipality in CT would welcome a new plant. As a municipal leader, I would not want one in my town! But if the town was willing, I would not oppose it. Based on the information I have, it has proven to be a safe, reliable energy source.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments: First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond and hopefully earn your support. Secondly, I would like to state that I am a first time candidate for the State legislature and many of these issues are new to me. My background and experience is in the financial industry in banking and municipal finance in particular. I currently serve on the West Hartford Town Council and I am thus more familiar with issues that relate to property taxes and unfunded mandates than I am with environmental issues, although I have seen the economic benefits of recycling as we introduced single stream recycling just a few months ago. Reading the background material, I feel that I could support most (as indicated) but am realistic that, if elected, I would probably be too new to be in a leadership position on these issues. As a mother and grandmother, I am deeply concerned about environmental factors that could affect the health of my grandchildren.

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Candidate:	Eileen Baker	Running for:	House	District	23	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	4 West View Circle, Old Saybrook, CT 006475	Phone:	860-388-2761	Email:	ebaker@snet.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The DEP's initiatives are vitally necessary in order to preserve our environment for present and future generations. Clearly, the DEP's responsibilities exceed their budget, and the two must be brought into alignment. The fact that bonded monies are being used for operating expenses sends up an immediate red flag that the DEP is underfunded.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The CIA recommends both commonsense and innovative ways of remediating past industrial impact (brownfields). In order to grow and consume locally produced food, we need to preserve the means of producing it (dairy farms and farmland). This also has a beneficial environmental impact by allowing oxygen repletion, natural run-off, and preserving open space. Open space has been shown to be an important contributor to our psychological well-being.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund is such a winner that other legislators are going to be fighting me for the chance to co-sponsor bills to preserve and increase it. This is one of the few measures that helps homeowners at every socio-economic level. It fosters job creation in growing, new-tech and low-tech fields. These jobs will stay in Connecticut and can only be filled by well-trained, well-paid, LOCAL workers. For these reasons, this is exactly what we need now.</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>4. Clean Energy Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Clean Energy Fund is absolutely vital in every way: technologically, economically, and environmentally. It points our path to the future. We must explore new technologies and energy sources in order to 1) create jobs, 2) enhance our technological lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This issue IS alarming. In addition to regulation, we need a thorough program of public education on how to properly dispose of pharmaceuticals and the support network to back it up for businesses and institutions. The Marin County program is a model we evaluate to see if we could adapt it locally.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Clearly, natural defenses against pollution are superior to man-made remedies. Stopping pollution before it occurs is even better and more cost-efficient. Again, this requires extensive education of the public, particularly property owners who abut wetlands and waterways.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: My campaign platform advocates seamless, convenient, affordable public transportation along the Shoreline. If public transportation is convenient and affordable, people will use it. Those who currently do not have any form of transportation will have a powerful new tool in their quest for economic self-sufficiency. Public transportation can work across generations and across social strata to INTEGRATE society (rather than to isolate people, as does reliance on the automobile).</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support this process that would allow each municipality to decide whether or not they would like to establish their own Community Green Fund. With local decision-making and control, there is apt to be more buy-in to the concept.</p>	
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I fully support Rep. Diana Urban's ground-breaking work in this area, and will try to help her efforts in any way I can.</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must make sure that new and upgraded hydropower facilities do not negatively impact eco-systems up- and downstream by excessive waterflow in and out. In the lower Connecticut River valley, we are particularly concerned about maintaining optimum environments for fish and for the birds and other wildlife that depend on them.</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Contrary to the standard industry position that environmental regulations curtail economic progress, I believe that they can encourage and foster new, green, sustainable development, with highly desirable goods and services, and with jobs that cannot be exported.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Open space preservation is a huge priority in my district. Lyme is famous for its and conservation efforts. Old Lyme and Old Saybrook have similar goals. I believe that Smart Growth can be encouraged through the progressive use of new ratios for population density and new technologies for sewage and waste disposal. By pursuing these ideas, we can find ways to allow for population growth while preserving open space and large areas of natural habitat.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Land is a precious commodity in limited supply. I believe that an extra measure of responsibility is due whenever a developer is allowed access to previously unavailable land.</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: One of the planks in my platform is to examine other ways of funding public education besides property taxes. Reliance on property taxes is a major source of local discord here in the 23rd district. Most importantly, it affects the public's willingness t</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As an educator, I have spent my entire working life supporting every child's right to be educated in a healthy environment. The 2005 CGA legislation is fully consistent with my life-long commitment to protecting their well-being. As a 21-year Board of E</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Allowing local control will increase grassroots support for environmental activism. It will also foster local ownership of the problems and citizens' ingenuity in devising solutions.</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>1. As per my campaign platform, by encouraging the development of mass transit in order to lessen the impact of the automobile. 2. By encouraging the development of clean energy and alternative fuel in order to decrease reliance on petroleum-based fuel. 3. By encouraging teacher training (K-12) through a required in-service topics on what clean energy and green technology consist of and the difference they can make. 4. By supporting more education of the public into ways of cutting energy consumption and increasing helpful interaction with the environment (compost!).</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Sixty years on, nuclear energy still has enormous potential to increase our national security by decreasing our dependence on oil. The problem remains in how to dispose of spent fuel rods and super-heated water. I support increased research into these problems</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	in order to eventually be able to realize the potential of this valuable source of energy. In my district, hundreds of citizens are employees or retirees of Dominion's Millstone nuclear power generating facility in Waterford. As I try to understand and evaluate the impact of nuclear power generation in our state, their livelihood remains a top concern.	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **DEP Operations**

Comments: 1. I believe that in order for the DEP to accomplish its goals and mission, it MUST be adequately funded. I will use my voice in the legislature to advocate for this priority. 2. I will champion future initiatives that permit the DEP to research and explore cost-effective new solutions to address environmental problems.

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Candidate:	Joseph Aresimowicz	Running for:	House	District	30	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Hydro, Wind, and Nuclear options need to a larger part of our energy options!</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I support it. Clean and affordable energy option</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments:

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Jim Sargent	Running for: House	District 30	Party: Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Uncertain
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Uncertain
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am a strong supporter of rail. Neighboring states embarrass us with their far superior public transportation. Not only is it good for the environment, but also a crucial factor in economic development.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>environmental laws and regulations? Candidate Comments:</p>	
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes? Candidate Comments: This is one of my top priorities. Overreliance on property taxes is the single biggest failure of our state government to date.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable? We must incentivize the use and development of alternative energy sources. There are no shortage of ways we can do this, but for some reason we have yet to see meaningful results. Energy reform is long overdue, and I hope to work across party lines to make some progress. Not only are traditional energy sources dangerous and expensive, but they are also bad foreign policy. Connecticut has a great opportunity to become a leader in the development of alternative fuels, and we need to take advantage of it.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I support expanding the use of nuclear energy. It is safe, clean, and inexpensive. Connecticut should be a national leader on the issue of nuclear energy. We can reduce our energy costs while cleaning up our state and creating new jobs. This should be among our top priorities.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments: My background is in education, and I believe that our failure to address property tax reform is one of the biggest obstacles to improving public schools. This is the primary reason that I make it such a priority. I also recognize the added benefits of property tax reform, including the environmental impact. This should not be a partisan issue. I will work to bring Democrats and Republicans together to get something done on property tax reform. Instead of making local aid the very first place we look to cut spending and balance budgets, we need to recognize the enormous impact that property taxes are having on Connecticut's families.

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Candidate:	Tom Kehoe	Running for:	House	District	31	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I hope to remain as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee and in that role will lead the effort to shift funding to mass transit and complete streets.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In general I support moving away from property tax as principal funding source for municipalities, but with the renewal of the conveyance tax this year, an additional tax in this area may be problematic.</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This would be most effectively done at the federal level, but until that happens I am proud of the leadership role that CT has taken in this area.</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have co-chaired one of the smart growth subcommittees and one of the More Commission subcommittees and hope to continue our efforts in this important area.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I think this type of regulation is best done at the state level to avoid conflicting standards from one town to the next.</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Support efforts to develop and install renewal energy. Reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels, which increase US's dependence on countries often unfriendly to the US and send billions of dollars out of the US that could be invested in clean and renewable energy sources.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I doubt there is an additional site in the state where a nuclear facility could be located than at the present site in Waterford. One of the quirks of being in a deregulated state is that no new nuclear station will be built on the balance sheet of the owner Dominion. Therefore I do not believe it likely that another plant will be built in CT.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: I chose this one largely because of my position as vice chair of Transportation. I include in this topic increase effort for non motorized road users, including furthering our efforts on complete streets.

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Candidate:	Jim O'Rourke	Running for:	House	District	32	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	Yes				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: For each of these I'll take the lead where my expertise and interest lie and support those issues which my colleagues are better able to lead on. As a general rule I tend to take the lead on DEP funding, Global Warming/Clean Energy/Conservation, and Toxics issues. I tend to lend support to friends like Mary Mushinsky, Terry Backer and others on Water Issues etc. That said, I'm available to step in and pinch hit as needed.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Our Clean Energy Bill this year was my top priority. Two key components of it were included in legislation I first proposed over two years ago: 1) Create a State Department of Clean Energy (the 2010 bill began to turn DPUC into a real Energy Department focused on Renewables and Conservation by merging existing programs under it and renaming and refocusing DPUC), 2) Create a large sustainable funding source for an aggressive multi-year program of deploying clean energy systems (with a strong focus on Solar). Global Warming and Peak Oil (impending scarcity and price inflation) require an aggressive switch to clean, renewable energy producing technologies. Like other states, CT has never had a problem making huge multi year commitments to building expensive fossil and nuclear electric plants but, for some reason, finds it difficult to make the same commitment to solar and other clean energy sources. This can only be changed by the legislature.</p>	
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to any new nuclear facilities in CT. Its time to switch over to renewables and phase out polluting power sources such as nuclear and coal plants as soon as possible.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: As a member of the Environment Committee and the Energy Committee as well as being Deputy Speaker (and member of screening), I am in a perfect position to shape Clean Energy/Green Jobs legislation and ensure that it passes the two chambers of the General Assembly. I'll work to make sure it is a priority of our House Caucus, organize and participate in press conferences and other forms of advocacy, help other members of the House and Senate understand why it is so important and beneficial to their constituents, and guard to goal post to make sure it isn't derailed by the efforts of special interest lobbyist.

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Candidate:	Jim Crawford	Running for:	House	District	35	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	112 Spencer Plains Rd, CT, CT 006498	Phone:	(860) 399-0260	Email:	ejcrawford49@sbcglobal.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	Yes				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>There is a wide range of opportunities to promote green sources of energy that has been swept to the side for over 30 years. Other nations have made significant strides to investigate, evaluate, and encourage the implementation of alternative energy options. Connecticut has the talent and the inventive spirit to be a national leader in this critical area</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I believe that the long term harm created by nuclear waste negates any immediate benefits this technology provides.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: I would wholeheartedly support a comprehensive study of opportunities for the state to pursue in the area of alternative energy initiatives. We should be tapping the creativity of our colleges and universities for new avenues for research and development. We should fully examine the incentives that are possible if the state fully commits to be a leader in this field.

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Candidate:	James Spallone	Running for:	House	District	36	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 408, Essex, CT 006426	Phone:	860-767-8615	Email:	spallone2010@hotmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The case for restoring DEP funding levels is clear and I agree that it must be done. The projected budget deficit, however, is so challenging that it will be difficult to enact increases in any line item.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This and the clean energy fund are vitally important. As noted, the deficit will make restoring the funds difficult. A more farsighted approach, however, would lead to the conclusion that these funds actually help the economy.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Please see comment to #3 above.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will continue to work on this critical measure. The opposition does seem difficult to overcome, but the merits of the proposal are clear. I have been submitting such a bill since I was elected in 2000.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe that state needs to completely reform the way it disposes of surplus land, including environmental review.</p>	Lead
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>1) Restore and increase clean energy and energy conservation funds. 2) Attract renewable energy industries. 3) Increase renewable energy portfolio over time. 4) Create public power authority. I supported the 2010 energy bill that was vetoed by Gov. Rell.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I oppose expansion because no provision has been made for dealing with waste. Due to the failure of the federal government and the industry to resolve this issue, there is nuclear waste being stored in dry casks on pristine land in Haddam Neck, in my district.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Community Green Fund**

Comments: I will argue the merits of the proposal to the leadership and the leaders of the other relevant committees: finance and planning and development.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Andrew Lockwood	Running for:	House	District	39	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	20 Colman Street, New London, CT 006320	Phone:	860-514-6064	Email:	<none provided>		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	no				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Will hear out the proposal and see if can be done without raising taxes</p>	Uncertain
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Depends on if raising taxes</p>	Uncertain
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Very important area</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We need a way to improve mass transit.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Oppose
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Yes, we need to make energy more affordable to intice business.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am interested in expanding nuclear to help lower energy costin the state. As long as it can be done safely.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: We need to lower the traffice on the highways.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Elissa Wright	Running for:	House	District	41	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As co-chair of the Smart Growth Working Group's Tax Policy Sub-Group, I played a role in formulating legislation to promote more efficient, environmentally-friendly growth patterns and sustainable, balanced land use as a state goal.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Tax policy that is over-reliant on property taxation is both a cause and an effect of sprawling development patterns which can be costly from a social efficiency point of view and burdensome on local taxpayers. As co-chair of the MORE Commission's Revenue</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Government should lead by example. We should retrofit all state buildings to use technologies that reduce energy use and global warming pollution and provide generous grants to help local governments renovate their buildings to make them more energy efficient. We should continue to provide incentives for homes and businesses to convert to renewable energy choices, and deploy a full array of energy efficiency and energy conservation programs to help customers save energy and money and reduce fossil fuel use and emissions. We should reintroduce enabling legislation for local governments to establish Property Assessed Clean Energy</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	(PACE) programs to help residential, commercial and industrial property owners finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>In the context of global warming, the revival of nuclear power as a low-carbon-emissions energy source can seem alluring. However, with the problem of radioactive nuclear waste unresolved, expanding nuclear power plants in the state does not appear to be a truly sustainable solution, at least not at this time.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments: Tax policy in relation to land use, or more specifically, sustainable land use remains a top priority. As a member of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and in my role as co-chair of the MORE Commission's Revenue Streams and Economic Development Subcommittee, I will continue to work to reduce pressures on property taxation through a better balanced, more equitable overall system of state and local taxation; promote successful strategies to increase government efficiency and reduce fiscal disparities; and support policy options to encourage smart growth over sprawl.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Tom Reynolds	Running for: House	District 42	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I am not persuaded that Connecticut has an energy policy. We must begin with the establishing of a Department of Energy (one within the administrative auspices of OPM or DEP would be fine) to ensure there is a senior leader reporting to the Governor to propose, implement and monitor a long-term vision and short- and long-term goals towards reducing energy costs, promoting clean energy, creating green jobs, developing green industries, diversifying our sources of energy, etc.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Current level of nuclear energy dependence seems to be adequate.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development**

Comments: Most of the issues in this survey do not fall under my committees. However, smart growth is a major priority in my work on the Planning & Development Committee. I was a member of the Smart Growth Task Force and Chairman of its Regionalization Subcommittee. I was also a lead supporter of the smart growth bills from the 2009 and 2010 sessions. This interest and leadership will continue in 2011-2012.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Diana Urban	Running for:	House	District	43	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: First we almost lost the CEQ and they felt comfortable coming to me for help which I will always give them as they are one of the best examples of how an RBA type system illuminates the issues! We constantly take money from DEP and we really need stronger leadership on this issue. As Chair of the Select Comm on Children I feel I can play a bigger role as environmental issues have a big impact on lids health etc...simple benefit /cost!</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Again this is just critical and there is a group of us that work very hard to protect this fund and will continue to do so! However if the economy doesnot recover this will be an even bigger fight but) AGAIN) it is so a benefit/cost issue</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Vickie Nardello knows exactly how to solve the energy equation ..she and I have worked together before and I am always there to help</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments: saa above!	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: this is a disaster in the making but because the evidence isn't tangible (people need to go in the water and fall down with a horrible sickness) it is a tough issue to get on the priority list but again (am I getting boring) it is a benefit /cost and I will say that the b/c for all env issues is a short term cost and a long term benefit and that makes it tough for policy makers...we need to educate, educate!!</p>	Support
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: there are a lot of low cost/ no cost things we can do here ...RBA has shown us that!</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I did this with my Dad on LI..the Community Preservation Act (he quit his job as CEO of the LI Builder's Institute because the Board would not support him on this) millions were spent with lobbyists to defeat his bill in Albany but he won and the CPF continues to save 1000's of acres on Eastern LI..My Dad died in Dec'09 and they will be renaming the Pine Barrens Preserve for him because of this work so you can bet I will work on this in his memory and because it really works!</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: see cadmium bill!</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Good Kids Committee issue!</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Kids Comm again!</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>WE need to actually focus on conservation and efficiency..makes me crazy..in the short term it works is extremely low cost, and buys us time to figure out what combo of renewables will work in CT and to shift from a centralized high fixed cost (monopoly) form of energy delivery to a community based system (Small Is Beautiful..we should all read EF Schumacher)</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Oppose..short term fix with ridiculous long term consequences...ummmm, storage??? Terrorists??? radiation drift???and my favorite: the Price Anderson Act limiting liability in an accident which is the only reason companies agreed to build the plants in the first place : a Government Cap on Liability..and they keep extending it...if the plants are so safe, why do we need this???</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) Toxics and Pesticides because I can get that done in my Committee (Select Comm on children) there is a natural link just like I got the cadmium bill done**

Comments: Get it done as the Comm chair...but we will have to decide exactly which part of the fight we want this session!

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: steven mikutel	Running for: House	District 45	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I voted for the original bill in 2005</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I voted against this budget cut, by voting against the Budget.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Need alternatives to fossil fuels. Need to support smart growth projects. Need to shift transportation policy towards mass transit. Need to stress benefits of conservation. No silver bullet here.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I would not rule it out, considering that it does not contribute to global warming. I'm also assuming that the technology and safety measures have improved significantly in the last 20 years.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: Connecticut's transportation policy is still stuck in concrete. Our energy needs will be reduced and our environment can be improved if we move to a transit oriented development strategy. Our quality of life will also be significantly improved. The bottom line is I have a better vision for the future of our state and I have the political will to accomplish it.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Catherine Osten	Running for: House	District 47	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have pursued and achieved receiving funds in land acquisition, brownfields cleanup, and historic preservation all of these programs are essential to the quality of life in areas such as the 47 district.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I applied for (in 2009) funds to put a solar voltaic system on the town hall roof in Sprague these funds will help our town save in energy costs. We have been informed that we are next to receive this grant. I believe the cuts in this program are shortsighted as there is immediate savings to be had, in addition to the jobs created and the environmental improvements.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: for the reasons stated above</p>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The permitting of these projects needs revisions as this process not only slows implementation it makes projects in public transportation cost prohibitive.</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: To clarify I would oppose changing or weakening regulations thus I would support opposing weakening regulations.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In Sprague (where I am the First Selectman) we in the last 18 months reviewed our zoning regulations to create development zones which provide for open space where appropriate, protected the rivers and their banks, concentrated manufacturing, and concentrated housing. This approach allowed us to define the future development in the Town.</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>The State needs to review it's energy policies and be more proactive in funding and enforcement. The funding and consequential savings would in and of itself make the policy sustainable.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I support nuclear energy in part because of the advances in the technology governing both implementation and cleanup.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: I would not only lead/support I would bring information back to the community to inform them of the issues identified above.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Bryan Hurlburt	Running for: House	District 53	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: One of the reasons I voted against this past budget because of the additional cut to the CIA.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This was another reason I voted against the state budget.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have tried for years to get DOT to extend the commuter bus line to Tolland. I'm supporting Mansfield's attempts to get rail back to NE CT.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Been there for these efforts in the past, and look forward to the next one. (BTW, the lobster shell issue is very troubling, I hope we can find an appropriate solution during the next legislative session. http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/Mystery</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The DEP permitting process was clearly broken. Our efforts last year to hold their feet to the fire resulted in a better permitting process than we had before. I am hopeful that new leadership at the DEP will implement efficiencies in the department that we can all agree to, and remove the need for a legislative hammer to be held over their head in order for changes to be made.</p>	<p>Support</p>
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>The legislature passed a bill that I supported that would have had a great impact on our energy policy. The first step to make this a reality is to get a governor to support it.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>If it were in the right place with the appropriate safety measures, yes I would support it.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Community Investment Act**

Comments: I would continue to be a leader on the issue - working with you, other advocates, the Senate, and the administration to see passage of a proposal that keeps the CIA together.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Brien Buckman	Running for:	House	District	54	Party:	Unaffiliated
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>There is no question that Connecticut is facing an energy crisis. We need to not only diversity in the type of energy we use (coal, oil, natural gas, solar, etc.) but also the energy providers within each sector. This will dramatically lower costs for Connecticut residents, and will provide a long-term solution to Connecticut's energy problems.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Nuclear energy can be one source we look at as we find ways to solve Connecticut's energy problems. There are many other sources, however, which do not produce toxic, long-term waste for us to handle. I do not necessarily oppose nuclear energy, but I do think we need to consider other options before it, such as solar, wind, and natural gas.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Community Investment Act**

Comments: This Act provides funding for improving or maintaining quality of life in our communities. In Mansfield and Chaplin, the towns I am running to represent, historical and natural landmarks are very important to us. These areas define the town, in many respects, and seeing them disappear would dramatically change what our community really is. This Act also provides funding for affordable housing, which is not only important in our community, but across the state. It is in our best interests to fund these projects, so as to improve the state as a whole.

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Candidate: Ted Graziani	Running for: House	District 57	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The longer we wait to restore funding, the greater the environmental risk are for all of us.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have always supported and voted for these programs!</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support some portion of the 28.7 Million until our State is operating in the "Black"</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments: This is an major issue that must be resolved permanently.	
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Always voted to protect all of our citizens from toxic chemicals and pesticides.</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and	What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing	Lead

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The D.E. P. as well as the E.P.A. protect each and every one of us, the we cannot weaken our laws.</p>	
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We need to ask those top wages earners (250K and above for example) to pay their fair share as one example. Perhaps regionalization to reduce the number or school superintendents for each region, vs. one supernatant per school is another way to reducing</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut’s landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Have always voted to support the pesticides ban.</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Only if this results in a more stringent protective measure for our citizens.</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut’s energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Need to revamp the Dept. of the D.P.U.C. to develop a detail and measureable plan that will not only provide cost efficient policies, but to ensure reduced cost of providing energy to our public and businesses.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am against Nuclear Energy Power Plants for Safety and potential Environmental Concerns which are real.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: Asked to be assigned to the Environmental Committee and work with Leadership from both sides of the isle, along with the Governor's office to make the funding happen.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	David Kiner	Running for:	House	District	59	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	5 Cranberry Hollow, Enfield, CT 006082	Phone:	860-798-3954	Email:	david.kiner@gmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Protecting Connecticut's environment and making sure that state government has the resources in place to handle that task should be a priority of the next session. The current administration has too freely underfunded DEP and looked at it as a luxury instead of an obligation. I will work to change that.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Community Investment Act was a thoughtfully considered attempt to address some critical areas of our environment. As I seek to represent a district that is rich in farmland and open space, I would certainly support maintaining the funding levels for this worthwhile program.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: By raiding this rate payer funded designated fund, the governor was essentially instituting a hidden tax on consumers. Connecticut needs to recognize that our energy problems are out of control, and raiding funds that were paid for by consumers and earmarked to encourage energy conservation and energy efficient products is not a solution, but rather compounding a problem</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Fund	Candidate Comments: The Clean Energy Fund takes great strides to encourage all types of consumers to embrace cleaner, more energy efficient ways of consuming energy. I support their work and look forward to working more closely with them.	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments: Proper disposal of pharmaceuticals is not just an environmental issue, but a human health one as well. We must recognize the need for these pharmaceuticals in the marketplace, but at the same time we must also recognize that we need to have a disposal process in place that will keep harmful chemicals out of our water supply.	Support
6. Riverfront Protection	What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? Candidate Comments: I would be a strong advocate for the extension of buffer zones along rivers and streams in Connecticut. This is an important concept in terms of controlling development and allowing it to happen in a smart, measured way, as well as protecting our water resource, which are truly irreplaceable.	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)? Candidate Comments: Connecticut has become a state that has a "one commuter per car" workforce. This means that our carbon foot print is bigger than it has to be, we consume more fossil fuels than we need to, and we put more wear and tear on our infrastructure than is necessary. By reinvesting in mass transit measures, we can address all of these problem areas.	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts? Candidate Comments: Support	Support
9. Community Green Fund	What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The establishment of a community green fund makes sense. The legislation as it has been introduced in the past would simply give municipalities the opportunity to establish this local option on the buyer if they so choose. By implementing this local option, the home buyer is essentially paying to support the land preservation that they as residents of their community will be able to enjoy.</p>	
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the General Assembly, a large part of my responsibility will be to propose legislation that will protect the public well being. Ensuring that harmful materials are not incorporated into children's products is a logical thing to keep a watc</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It is in the interests of everyone in Connecticut to ensure that hydropower facilities meet the strictest of safety standards. We saw the need for safety this past winter with the explosion at the Middletown power plant.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Environmental protection and safety standards must be strongly considered as we look to improve the bureaucratic process that exists in our state agencies. DEP must be held accountable for protecting the environment. This will be accomplished by a strong and committed legislature ensuring permit applicants not be allowed to get away with something ultimate unsafe or unhealthy on the sly.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Smart growth practices are what will allow Connecticut's towns and cities to grow in a responsible way. It is important to realize that we must find a balance between allowing development to move forward and protecting open space and rural land. This would create a good plan of conservation and development for the state as well as linking Connecticut's past to it's future.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: CEPA reviews are very cut and dry in my eyes. These are simply a set of guidelines that are put in place to protect the entire public good. I would not support circumventing this process, as was tried by the Oxford Airport legislatively in 2009. These evaluations serve a purpose and must be uniformly applied.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The over reliance on the property tax that every municipality finds themselves subjected to is a problem that continues to put our communities in an economic cul de sac. Towns and Cities can only raise revenue through property taxes, so they expand their</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Maintaining the ban of pesticides at schools and day care centers is just common sense. It has been proven that there are non-toxic alternatives that are just as effective as the pesticides that Connecticut has already banned. All that has happened in t</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is a situation where the state needs to step in and create a blanket policy regarding what is best for public health. This is not a circumstance where one town may deem something healthy for their community and another may decide that it is not.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Connecticut needs to be a leader in developing alternative energy sources. A good example of this is biodiesel technology. While we would not be able to compete with states like Kansas or Nebraska in terms of sheer volume of biodiesel products (corn) produced, we could certainly continue to support Connecticut universities as they develop the technologies that will redefine not just Connecticut's energy policy, but will help shape that of the entire country. We should look seriously at developing biodiesel technologies, wind farms, solar panelling, and hydro-electric power sources. By doing so, we could expand our access to workable sources of alternative technologies and continue to grow as a national leader.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Any nuclear technology expansion must be done in a safe and responsible way. We need to look at our statewide energy policy and examine all of our options, but it is safe to say that no one wants a nuclear power plant in their backyard. While nuclear technology is not new, there are still a large number of unanswered safety and disposal questions that need to be carefully considered before any decisions could be made. Siting any new nuclear facilities would be particularly problematic in Connecticut. In all honesty, this is an issue that I am going to need to more carefully study before declaring a definitive position.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments: As stated above: The over reliance on the property tax that every municipality finds themselves subjected to is a problem that continues to put our communities in an economic cul de sac. Towns and Cities can only raise revenue through property taxes, so they expand their tax base any way they can, often without a clear plan of smart growth and development. As this happens, the cycle perpetuates itself. By addressing the broken property tax system and looking at new and creative ways that municipalities could generate revenue individually or regionally, the state could help municipalities break the cycle and more carefully plan for their futures.

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Candidate:	Elaine O'Brien	Running for:	House	District	61	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Uncertain
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Uncertain
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe we need to improve mass transit to make traveling and commuting easier. I also believe that bicycle paths add tremendous value to the quality of life in all communities.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Environmental Standards	Candidate Comments:	
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I think we need to find a way to reduce the overall cost of energy to consumers in Connecticut.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am in favor of the expansion of nuclear energy, if all safety issues can be addressed.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments:

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Candidate:	William SImanski	Running for:	House	District	62	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am focusing on the economy first. All other issues / expenses will have to wait until we can at least get our economy facing in the right direction.</p>	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a former First Selectman I know the importance and value of the CIA.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Uncertain
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Uncertain
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am opposed to the current proposed busway. I strongly support rail transit.</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Uncertain
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As former member of the Capital Region Council of Governments I strongly support Smart Growth.</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The towns should adhere to the State standards.</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See response to #1.</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I would have to thoroughly study the issue before I make any ad hoc comment on CT's energy policy. My # 1 agenda will be to see if we can cut spending, shrink government and get our economy straightened out. All other issues take a back seat to that.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I strongly support nuclear energy. With proper safeguards and monitoring, nuclear energy is a safe and clean alternative to our energy needs. I often challenge persons who stop by my house asking me to sign a petition banning the use of fossil fuels</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	because they DO NOT have any suggestions on what the replacement source of energy would be. When asked about nuclear energy they can only shout out a sound bite about the dangers.	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Community Investment Act**

Comments: The Community Investment Act is a win-win situation for Connecticut and the towns. As a state we get to preserve heirloom farmland for future generations. Each town gets to limit residential development which saves them the expense for the education of the children moving into those houses.

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Candidate:	Roberta Willis	Running for:	House	District	64	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 1733, Lakeville, CT 06039		Phone:	860-435-0621		Email:	roberta.bill.willis@snet.net
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes		Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No			

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The funding at DEP has only gotten worse over the years. I am hopeful that the next Governor will appreciate the value of the agency.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I was involved in its creation in 2005 and I am very proud of the achievement made by the legislature (and this administration) and a vast array of advocates. I feel that it is probably one of the most worthy initiatives taken for the protection of CT's heritage--our open space and farmland.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am fearful that---First, we are going to have to continue to fight for its present levels! Taking money from this fund is counter-intuitive.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: same comments as #3 !!</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have been trying!! I will try again with Rivers Alliance ! This one is always such a challenge, but it is a very worthy environmental endeavor.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Riverfront protection and inland wetlands are enough to take on--this one will really activate the opposition from real estate lobbying groups. Since they backed off opposing the conveyance tax this session due to the budget and they will be forced to do it again, leadership will not hit them twice. That is my frank response.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am not that familiar with this issue to response fairly.</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Oppose
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is so disappointing. This one always needs special and careful attention---</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>We could start by not cutting the Energy Funds, so we have the ability to make wise investments. OPM needs to strengthen its emphasis on energy policy---we have been rutterless. Renewed emphasis on conservation.</p>	
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I have always strongly opposed nuclear energy---in fact, it was the first environmental issue I got heavily involved in back in 70s (is that possible?) Now I find myself bombarded with conflicting positions from my environmental friends on different sides of the issue. So I now find myself wondering and conflicted. ...I think that the Energy and Tech & the Environment Committees should be asked to consider an informational hearing on the latest science.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **DEP Operations**

Comments: lead---With the new administration it will be incumbent upon environmentalists to strongly advocate on the critical nature of environmental issues. We must stake out a compelling case---immediately, or we run the risk of losing ground. ---I really haven't heard any of the candidates speak on the environment. The DEP operations ties together the funding, the rollback of environmental standards at the agency, DEP efficiencies and the effectiveness of the agency.

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Candidate:	michelle cook	Running for:	House	District	65	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would have to reach out to my municipality to see what they feel. We do not need any more fees to make Connecticut less attractive. Need further information.</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Environmental Standards	Candidate Comments:	
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>First, we need to develop and implement a cutting edge policy for Connecticut. Connecticut has the ability to be a regional, national, and global leader in the renewable energy market, and we should be doing all that we can to ensure that Connecticut does its part to create such policies. Connecticut's energy policy can and should include the most cutting edge, top-of-the-line, innovative policies that will not only sustain renewable energy for Connecticut's citizens, but will also create and sustain jobs in Connecticut. By investing in current and creating new technologies to turn Connecticut into an energy-friendly state, we can start yesterday's job of investing in our future today.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I have seen new, creative, renewable energy ideas and practices that will forever eliminate the need for nuclear energy, making the energy we use safer, more reliable, and more environmentally friendly. I am opposed to opening new nuclear plants in Connecticut when there is overwhelming evidence that wind and solar energy, among other technologies, can and will function as well as, if not better than, nuclear energy.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) transportation and energy are both huge issues for myself and my community. I could not pick just one.**

Comments: I will support the above issues and do what I can to help educate my colleagues to see the importance in those issues.

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Candidate:	PAUL NOGUEIRA	Running for:	House	District	75	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Uncertain at this time.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Uncertain at this time.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Inland Wetlands**

Comments:

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Laurie Barrett	Running for:	House	District	76	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I do not feel I know enough about the CT energy policy to comment but I do recognize the need for renewable energy and for the urgency for each resident to do their part in reducing their carbon footprint.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I would need to educate myself on the subject before commenting,</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: Continue to educate myself before I take sides on any issue. Energy use is critical and we need to make green energy most affordable. Given the difficult economic times it would be impossible for me to give a blanket response to pour money into any of these issues without knowing where the money is coming from.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Jill Fitzgerald	Running for:	House	District	77	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Environmental Quality is a very important issue to me, but with our current State budget crisis (currently borrowed \$1.3 billion to pay general operating expenses), I couldn't commit to supporting an increase in funding.</p>	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am very supportive of this act; however, I would look for an assessment of its success to date in order to maintain current funding levels.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This money was originally allocated for the purpose of helping consumers and it should remain as such. This money is being redirected because of budget deficits; and I believe there should be fiscal discipline rather than robbing one fund to pay another.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am supportive of the CEF, but with the budget deficits we face I think there should be a way to measure its effectiveness and efficiency.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I think that enforcement of regulation is very important.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is a good idea, but perhaps more likely in different economic times. Perhaps this initiative could be done by another source.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am very much in favor of developing a transportation policy that shifts more of the focus on mass transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects rather than expansion of existing highways. With the cost of energy and the crowded roads, this makes more sense.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I don't support the involuntary participation of home buyers in this "community green fund".</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: If there are harmful chemicals in the marketplace, I believe the changes should be made on a federal level; not by restricting Connecticut businesses only.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'm very much in favor of reviewing and enforcing existing regulations.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am supportive of incentives, but not mandates for cities and towns; as long as their is proven success in these smart growth principles.</p>	Uncertain
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am more in favor of municipalities having the freedom to make their own decisions.</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I would like to see Connecticut's energy policy be more proactive in the generation of clean and affordable energy like fuel cells, which we are a world leader in the development of.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am supportive of expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments:

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Mary Mushinsky	Running for:	House	District	85	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: A new governor may allow those of us on the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee to try other revenue raising ideas to support DEP programs that we were unable to pursue due to veto threats. DEP will have to cooperate in this effort by ordering a study to explore methods to fund DEP programs used by states similar to CT. Recommendations from the agency will give the effort to restore it more credibility.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Borrowing part of these funds was necessary due to the budget shortfall and the restrictions (enforced by veto threat) on revenue raising. A new governor will allow legislators more flexibility.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We would prefer not to raid any of these funds which weatherize homes and businesses among other uses. Borrowing part of these funds was necessary due to the budget shortfall and the restrictions (enforced by veto threat of the current governor) on revenue raising. This raid was acceptable to the governor in budget negotiations; other revenues were not. With a new governor, we have an opportunity to change this policy.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>4. Clean Energy Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of Finance, Revenue & Bonding, I will work in committee and in caucus to protect these funds. A new governor will allow us the ability to use other revenues that were not acceptable to the current governor in budget negotiations.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: While I would support efforts to regulate disposal in trash, the larger, unresolved issue is the discharge of medications, including hormones, through urine sent to waste treatment plants. This problem will need a technical solution and then regulatory action to require the technology in sewage treatment plant upgrades.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Without buffer restoration, it will be virtually impossible to reduce nitrogen and bacteria sufficient to achieve water quality goals because a significant portion of these pollutants arrive via stormwater from developed land rather than through effluent from treated sewage. I have been a leader on this issue for several sessions.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee I have supported mass transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects. The state needs to reduce daily commuter congestion to assist CT employers and must improve mass transit and bicycling/walking opportunities for those residents without personal vehicles. I initiated a bikeway in my district that will connect to two neighboring towns. We are on Phase III of this project.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Local municipalities will get the final say as to the importance of these revenues and programs and whether it justifies the implementation of a local transfer fee.</p>	
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the Select Committee on Children, I will work with Rep. Urban to restrict additional uses of toxic materials in children's products, and as a member of the Environment Committee I will continue to advocate reduction of toxics even if the pr</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will support this standard for all hydropower facilities.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I worked hard to save DEP's enforcement powers in 2010, even as I criticized the agency for slow response to business' criticism that DEP's regulatory process is maddeningly slow and unpredictable. The solution is greater use of electronic services (including web posting of information expected of applicants for each type of permit), more use of general permits, a more honest appraisal of staff strength needed to manage permits, and a clear distinction between guidelines and regulations.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In the Environment Committee, I chaired an early (unsuccessful) effort to align plans of conservation and development among state and local governments and recommended regional efforts. On the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee, I have consistently supported using funding to reward smart growth and regional growth partnerships among municipalities, to save both land and taxpayer money. I may be the only legislator who consistently attempts to enforce the requirement that major state expenditures must follow the Plan of Conservation & Development (and co-authored the requirement).</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Recent legislative transfers have once again highlighted the problem. Developers with powerful supporters at the municipal and state level, coupled with the state's need for cash to meet the budget shortfall, have removed protected status for parcels that were at one time set aside for preservation.</p>	<p>Support</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: On the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee, I have consistently supported all efforts to reduce reliance on the property tax and substitute other revenues, including this year's proposal for a hotel tax revenue sharing. A new governor will help achieve</p>	<p>Support</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have been a dependable voice for, and supporter of, this new law.</p>	<p>Support</p>
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Further controls should be at the option of the municipality.</p>	<p>Support</p>
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I support the comprehensive legislation (SB 493) that was vetoed by the governor. It included supporting jobs in the solar industry, reducing electric demand, increasing efficiency standards, and allowing municipalities to bond for long-term energy improvements such as solar installation through Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE). In my district, I am a member of my town's energy efficiency commission and developed a volunteer run energy audit program to fill the gap until the town's municipal utility was able to start their professional audit program.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I prefer energy efficiency and alternative energy to expanding nuclear energy because of the difficulties of waste disposal in the nuclear industry. We have scarcely tapped the potential of energy efficiency, solar and hydrogen in CT, compared to our economic competitors overseas. It is possible to reduce energy demand 30% through efficiency improvements following an energy audit. If at some future time it became necessary to add generation capacity (for example, to replace multiple fossil fueled units before</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>alternative energy is on-line), I would rather expand nuclear capacity at existing nuclear sites than build new fossil-fueled plants (coal, oil, natural gas) which escalate our contribution to climate change and destroy sensitive lands and waters. However, it is inappropriate to add generating capacity if CT has not exhausted efforts to improve energy efficiency and increase our production of alternative energy, including solar and hydrogen.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) I am unable to list only one priority, because I know I will be working on several of the issues, including energy, riverfront, wetlands, property tax reform, regulations and transportation--and the projected budget deficit, which will dominate all others**

Comments: Some issues are important priorities because they are statewide problems that need fixing, while others are important because they are of special interest to my legislative district. It would be wrong to list actions on only one priority, because I would neglect either the statewide problems or the district's concerns with this forced choice. I serve on four committees. I expect to lead on statewide wetland and riverfront issues in the Environment Committee because these issues affect clean water statewide, and I will fight to maintain statewide regulatory protection in the Environment Committee while creating faster and more predictable streamlining of regulatory functions in Program Review & Investigations Committee. Energy, property tax reform and transportation are priorities of particular interest to my district as well as important statewide concerns. I will support reforms through sponsoring bills and testifying before committees of jurisdiction, in addition to advocacy in the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee and the budget caucuses.

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Candidate:	Steve Fontana	Running for:	House	District	87	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As Energy & Technology Committee chair from 2005-2009, I led the effort to rescind the cuts to the CEEF that we made in the early 2000s and to restore its funding stream. I am willing to lead this necessary effort again.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I agree that towns should have access to sufficient resources to pursue these initiatives if they so choose, but do not believe that a real estate transfer fee is a good approach to providing these resources. I welcome the opportunity to work with advocates to define a broader-based revenue stream to support these initiatives.</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I haven't evaluated the arguments for and against such a proposal to form an opinion about it at this time.</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Having worked with Environment Connecticut (Chris Phelps), Clean Water Action (Roger Smith), and Environment New England (Jessie Stratton) on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy conservation initiatives during my tenure as chair of the Energy & Technology Committee, I broadly support their ideas to move us away from carbon-based fossil fuels and toward a diversified, renewable energy future.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I oppose it -- it's far too expensive and dangerous.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: As I stated above, I worked with NEEC and other advocates to restore the CEEF and CCEF funds in 2005 and 2007, and would be happy to do so again.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Dave Yaccarino	Running for:	House	District	87	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?						

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will support DEP, I need to learn more about DEP every day operations. I will not raid the DEP funds like the current State legislator's do to fund general operations. This has been a pattern that has to stop. I have spent my entire life in the outdoors, as a boy camping out all summer with friends, fishing, and hiking. As a adult my love for the outdoors and the health of the environment has not changed. I am a cofounder of boy scout 811 in North Haven, CT and have continued camping and as a former scout leader of 16 years taught the importance and respect of the outdoors. We need clean water, parks and forest to survive physically and emotionally. If you have any questions please call or email. Thanks, Dave</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See above</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will not raid your funds as is currently being done. I will support energy efficiency since it goes hand and hand with saving our environment.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>Candidate Comments: I currently do not know enough about this funding. I will do my best to protect the funding.</p>	
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will always support safe disposal of any waste to protect our water, our air, and our land that we need to live.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am a advocate of better mass transportation. It saves energy, and their is less pollution. Money well spent.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In the case of brownfields and sewer upgrades businesses have to pay for all renovation(sewer) and remediation before stating a project. Municipality's will not approve of a added tax right now.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>Candidate Comments: I think the cleaner and safer the better for all of us. We must remove all toxic material from all products.</p>	
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I don't know enough about this, hydropower makes sense to have as low of a impact as possible.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Why would any one want to roll back anything that would hurt the water we drink the air we breath and the land we live in. I would not role back or weaken current laws.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support this, I need to learn more.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I think it's a good idea, it has to be a joint effort, state and local.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Better and more mass transportation. It's cleaner, safer and in the long run cost effective for all. Tax incentives for clean technology.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I need to learn more about it.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: I believe mass transit and transportation effects all of us. It reduces fossil fuel and it's pollutants and there is less traffic. All the environmental laws are important, I respect our land and water, as I stated in the beginning of this survey I have spent my entire life in the outdoors and understand it's importance. I will always feel this way, it's how I live my life. Thank you, Dave

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Candidate:	Brendan Sharkey	Running for:	House	District	88	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As with each of the last three years, the devil will be in the details. Evolving compromise with interested parties rather than starting each year with the same proposal will get the job done.</p>	Uncertain
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Uncertain</p>	Uncertain
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We've tacked on so many fees to real estate transfers and recordings over the past few years. I think if a community wants to raise money for these causes, its taxpayers should make that commitment themselves, not have someone else - i.e., the person leaving town - pay for their priorities.</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'd need to know more from both sides of the issue.</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It would depend on the regulation. I do think the DEP's bureaucracy has in certain cases stifled reasonable development proposals, and Commissioner McCarthy's past effort to streamline the permitting review process should be furthered.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Watch out about requirements on towns, however. That's generally not the way we want to go.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: If the State is transferring land to a municipality, I don't see why we need to force the town to incur the expense of an evaluation just to receive what is usually a small piece of land. Perhaps there should be a threshold so that such a requirement would only be triggered for major parcels, such as the state hospital property in Preston.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Thanks for supprotng my efforts here.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The issue has always been whether Integrated Pest Management is an effective alternative to an outright ban. I think both sides make credible arguments. However, the ban is now the law. Let's see how it works before we tinker with it any further.</p>	<p>Support</p>
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'm not sure it's ever sound policy to allow a patchwork of local laws to regulate health and safety matters. If it's bad for public health, it should be banned statewide. If not, then allowing</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	individual towns to make up their own minds about what is or is not dangerous would be chaotic, with no real net impact on the environment (if neighboring towns don't agree). Fight the battle in Hartford and Washington, not at town hall.	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>This is a very broad topic, but we have to start by having an energy policy in the first place. For example, one idea would be to allow our power distribution companies (CL&P and UI) to invest in alternative technologies that reduce peak usage. In my private business, I'm looking to work with a company that has developed a simple alternative to air conditioning that reduces the need for peak loads on hot days when electricity is most expensive to purchase from generators. The technology makes ice during overnight hours which is then used as an alternative coolant to compressors during the day. These kinds of investments have multiple benefits - 1) they reduce the overall use of electricity, 2) they reduce the need for peak generation which is generally the most "dirty" form of generation, and 3) they reduce the cost of electricity to the consumer because CL&P and UI don't have to buy as much peak power and higher rates. This technology is already being deployed by a utility in Southern California. If we had an energy policy here in Connecticut, these kinds of ideas would have a place to go to make them happen.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I don't have a blanket position. It would depend on the location and the circumstances. The problem is that today's markets don't allow for cheap power generated in Connecticut to remain in Connecticut for the benefit of Connecticut consumers. Unless that changes somehow, I'm not sure I see the risk/benefit analysis working in our favor.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development**

Comments: I will continue to lead on the issue of Smart Growth, Regionalism and property tax reform. Though I am hoping to become the House Majority Leader, I will continue to chair the MORE Commission and will maintain my leadership role in Planning and Development issues affecting land use, municipalities and economic growth..

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Candidate:	Vickie Nardello	Running for:	House	District	89	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?					

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>By promoting the use of renewable energy through the renewable portfolio standard and incentives to encourage the expansion of renewable in Connecticut, encouraging conservation, and providing low interest loans to fund alternative energy and conservation projects for homeowners and small businesses.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I do not support the expansion of nuclear energy. My opposition rests on the storage of waste and the potential public safety issues. The argument that it would provide a cheap resource does not apply under ISO's market rules.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: I have strongly supported these funds throughout my time at the legislature and will continue to fight for them.

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Candidate:	Ann Altman	Running for:	House	District	91	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	Yes				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I live in the district that includes the area of southern Hamden that has been the focus of environmental remediation since 2000. I would like to work with the DEP and members of the New Hall neighborhood to remove any adversarial activities and to bring the remediation to its conclusion.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of Hamden's Planning and Zoning Commission since 2006 (and a member of Hamden's Legislative Council from 1999 to 2005), I am particularly sensitive to the issues that you mention. They were in the forefront of my mind when we revised our zoning regulations and the Plan of Conservation and Development, which occurred while I was Chair of the Planning Section of the Commission.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See comment 7.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See comment 7.</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have a Ph.D. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, with years of research at the Yale University School of Medicine. I am, thus, in a better position than most to understand, fully, the impact of medical waste and pharmaceuticals (especially endocrine disruptors).</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Much of the work of the Planning and Zoning Commission, when we review Special Permits, consists of discussions of runoff, buffers and protective plantings. Thus, I am very familiar with and well aware of the importance of these issues.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I grew up in England, taking mass transit for granted. Unless we reduce our reliance on oil, we shall bankrupt ourselves fiscally and environmentally.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Having served on Hamden's Legislative Council, I can be fairly certain that it would be unlikely to endorse another increase in real estate transfer fees.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have worked closely, over the years, with Nancy Alderman of "Environment and Human Health" (she is also a personal friend). I have, when possible, worked with her to support initiatives</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	by EHH, most recently, the abolition of outdoor wood-burning furna	
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I shall work to strengthen our existing laws and regulations - before it's too late!</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I know more about Smart Growth than most people in CT because Hamden's new zoning regulations include aspects of Smart Code that were tailored to suit Hamden's specific needs. I was, as a member of Hamden's Planning and Zoning Commission, very instrumental in establishing, reviewing and getting approval for our new regulations.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See comments 6 and 13.</p>	Lead
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Property taxes are sapping communities. Reform is sorely needed.</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See comment 10.</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I was instrumental, when on Hamden's Legislative Council, in getting the Town to adopt integrated pest management on all Town property.</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>We need to continue to make sure that we don't WASTE energy, by encouraging home and business energy audits and giving tax rebates for improvements in insulation etc. We need to wean the public away from cars to mass transit by investing in attractive alternatives to private cars. We need to consider investments in green energy sources such as solar, wind and wave power. We need to make conservation the default activity of all CT citizens.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I would support a careful review of nuclear power plants that have been built since Three Mile Island and an examination of such plants all over the world. The disaster in the Gulf shows that there is no free lunch where energy is concerned and the risks of nuclear power need to be compared with the increasing risks and environmental damage associated with drilling for oil and natural gas.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) Improved mass transit would probably have the greatest effect on our environment and the investment would pay off in the long term.**

Comments: I would work closely with organizations such as Environment and Human Health to identify and inform myself about critical issues related to mass transit.

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Candidate:	Robert Megna	Running for:	House	District	97	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut’s landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut’s energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>More support offsetting the grid with renewables and conservation. Electric car infrastructure support and more incentives for hybrids and high mileage vehicles</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Opposed. Until we can deal with the waste and high costs of decommissioning</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: Sustaining a healthy wildlife population

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Candidate:	Patricia Widlitz	Running for:	House	District	98	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Very interested in pursuing a producer-responsibility approach.</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Not the time to increase any fees on real estate transactions in this depressed economy.</p>	Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Environmental Standards	Candidate Comments: I had a major role in the negotiation of HB 5208 and inserted pro-environmental language into the governor's original draft and significantly modified detrimental portions.	
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions? Candidate Comments: I prefer incentives rather than mandates.	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow? Candidate Comments:	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes? Candidate Comments:	Support
16. Pesticides	What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers? Candidate Comments: As deputy majority leader I worked with advocates to keep the legislation that would have extended the effective date from being called in the House.	Lead
17. Pesticides	What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries? Candidate Comments: Will consider, but in general I don't encourage a "patchwork" of policies throughout the state.	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable? We should increase the RPS percentage (target-20%) and promote energy efficiency and conservation.	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I have historically been opposed to nuclear energy because of lack of waste disposal and public safety issues. However, I am open to considering newer safer technology. I am very concerned about the aging of our current operating plants.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) Climate change issues have been a priority to me and continue to be. Commissioner McCarthy appointed me to the sub-committee on climate change and I would like to follow through on the excellent work of the 4 working groups to implement their recommendati**

Comments: see above.

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Candidate:	Matt Lesser	Running for:	House	District	100	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the E&T Committee who helped draft the 2010 energy bill, I was livid at the cut to the CEEF -- and voted against the entire budget as a result.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is a great idea whose time has come.</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Not only is this good for our communities, but Connecticut's businesses can be leaders in providing safe, environmental-friendly alternatives to toxic products.</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p>	Oppose

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Environmental Standards	Candidate Comments:	
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>1. We need to focus on financing mechanisms for renewable energy and energy efficiency. I was proud to have helped draft the PACE and revolving loan provisions of the 2010 Energy bill. 2. We need to protect our renewable portfolio standards and promote Connecticut-based technologies including solar. 3. I am keenly interested in finding ways to help home and business owners use less energy, by finding low cost ways to provide them with more information on their usage and by beefing up programs like HES. I think small changes to consumer behavior can lead major results.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>It's an interesting question, but I do not believe that there is any near-term prospect of any expansion of the use of nuclear energy in Connecticut. I am more concerned about safety and environmental issues of relevance to our existing nuclear reactors at Millstone Unit 2 and Unit 3. There would be a considerable burden of proof on anybody attempting to build a new plant to satisfy safety, siting and design concerns, and one major obstacle to support any proposal is that the country still has no long term plan to deal with nuclear waste.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: I hope to be involved in the drafting of the 2011 comprehensive energy legislation, and will do what I can to help pass it.

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Candidate:	Deb Heinrich	Running for:	House	District	101	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is an issue that needs more attention. Other states have moved forward on this and we have an opportunity to cooperate regionally to assess the impact and affectuate workable</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	solutions.	
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am particularly interested in Shoreline East.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The key for me is that the legislation be enabling. The communities need to have the ability to decide this for themselves.</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am very much in favor of the Chemical Innovations Institute and its call to make recommendations to the legislature with regard to removing toxic chemicals from the environment.</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>> Investment in renewable energy technologies: Not only will this move us toward the future of energy production, but it has the added benefits of creating jobs, creating competition and supporting a burgeoning industry. We have the potential to be the hub of this industry. > Focus on sustainability: Our energy policies must focus on the future of the energy industry. Fuel cell technology, biofuels, wind, solar, nuclear. Our focus right now is unfortunately turned toward sources such as oil and natural gas which are</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	finite. We need to plan now to move us steadily toward using more and more of these sustainable energy sources both for the benefit it will have on our environment as well as the benefit it will have on our economy.	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I feel that the nuclear energy production in Connecticut has been quite successful and had a positive effect on our energy picture. It is my understanding that the current site has room for expansion and I am interested in exploring this possibility.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments: In my opinion, Connecticut's overreliance on property taxes is the most serious threat to our environment. It discourages planned, regionalized smart growth and incentivizes spot zoning and development that is focused solely on property tax revenues. It is industrializing our small towns and rural areas and it is draining our cities of their developmental base and jobs. In addition to incentives for regional cooperation and smart growth, I will support allowing towns to use alternative methods of gaining revenue so that they are not solely reliant on the property tax.

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Candidate:	Lonnie Reed	Running for:	House	District	102	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We ask the DEP to do herculean tasks to protect the environment and stimulate economic growth, and yet we undermine their ability to do their job at all, let alone do it expeditiously. Eager to ensure we have a high functioning, very responsive DEP. And funding is key.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Another area that is critical to economic recovery, smart growth development and open space preservation.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Energy Bill we passed that was vetoed by the Governor was designed to help mitigate the impact of this securitization. Want to work to preserve, enhance and stabilize this fund.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Can't think of a more important fund.</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This bill keeps coming back with serious defects. It is time to get all of the stakeholders to the table and to work through the problems that keep killing this bill because Riverfront Protection is critical to our environmental health and economic growth.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Huge commitment of mine.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Environment sanity, public health protections, economic growth, green energy and architecture can and must do more than co-exist; they must be shared objectives. Connecticut should be a model for how our nation and planet work to pursue a better future.</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Have worked on this for quite some time and will continue to make it a top priority. I helped organized the first Shoreline Conference on Smart Growth and Property Tax Reform that drew the participation of 12 towns. We have only just begun.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Huge commitment. Served on the MORE Committee and the Smart Growth and Property Tax Reform Committee chaired by Rep. Sharkey.</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Fought against it and voted "No" when a "compromise" effort was pushed in the P & D Committee. Branford is Ground Zero for Organic fields. Pesticide-free fields can and must be achieved.</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Really establish significant, dependable clean energy incentive funding that keeps our baby green companies from going out of business or leaving for "greener" states.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>No. In addition to our ongoing failure to truly solve the waste disposal problem, nuclear is a hideously expensive way to boil water and generate electricity. Much better, safer, more affordable options exist. Also, as a News Correspondent years ago, I spent a great deal of time in nuclear power plants and also crunching the numbers, and counting the NRC shut-downs. Despite the fact that CT at one time probably generated more nuclear power per capita than any other state, we never made it pay off for consumers. The capital outlay to build and run the facilities was prohibitive and got endlessly passed through to rate-payers. And then we had to decommission CT Yankee and Millstone One after 30 years. This was not the big solution that consumers were promised. Oh, and I also flew to and covered the accident at Three Mile Island. Much like the Gulf of Mexico, Three Mile Island, featuring a partial meltdown of the core, was one of those situations that the high-tech smart guys told us could never happen.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which ONE of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: I would really like to be at the table when bringing stakeholders together to address issues such as Riverfront Protection and Wetlands Protection. I sit on the P&D Committee and I am very discouraged when certain bills kill themselves by arriving before going through a thorough problem-solving process that better helps them to succeed.

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Candidate:	Elizabeth Esty	Running for:	House	District:	103	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I strongly support proper funding for DEP. However, the harsh reality of the upcoming budget cycle will make increased funding very challenging. It may be more realistic to focus on holding the line on any further cuts, and pushing ahead in areas like clean energy projects in the state.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I was a strong supported of the efforts to continue funding for CIA last session, and joined in the expansion of funding for dairy farms. The CIA plays an important role in allowing communities to preserve not only their farmland, but also their history. The economic analyses of these programs supports the argument that they in fact lead to greater economic development through reclaiming of brownfields and promoting tourism and eco-tourism.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I helped lead the effort this past session to fight off the raiding of the CEEF -- in the Appropriations Committee and in caucus discussion around the budget. I played an active role in the crafting of the big energy bill this year, and would hope to do so next session. Clearly, CEEF is a crucial part of the energy equation for the state. (Look at my budget votes to see the extent of my commitment on these issues in the Appropriations committee and in the final budget votes.)</p>	Lead

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<p>4. Clean Energy Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I played an active role in helping fashion the 2010 energy bill, and in particular many of the elements surrounding the clean energy fund. There are enormous upside opportunities for our state in this area -- and if re-elected, it is a very high priority</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I introduced legislation in 2009 as a freshman to address this important issue, and see real opportunities to make progress here in the next year. I have worked with Rep. Chris Lyddy on this issue, and we believe that there is a real opportunity to make changes that benefit the environment, human and wildlife health, and that help reduce the growing problem of teenage prescription drug abuse.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Buffer zones are crucial to the health of rivers and streams. As we see from the algae bloom in CT waterways, runoff is still a big problem. We will, however, need to be careful in the application of new rules to existing development, and consider areas where strict 100 foot buffer might not be feasible.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This ties in importantly with the efforts to encourage our residents to be more active, and to help reinvigorate our cities. A win for the environment and a win for health.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support enabling legislation, but not a mandate.</p>	
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am a strong supporter of the Chemical Innovations Institute and am proud of the great work this last year to remove PBA from many infant and baby products. As the recent recalls involving cadmium in children's jewelry and toys shows, this remains a pub</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am not very familiar with the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards, but the summary materials sound sensible and worth exploring how we might utilize those principles and market forces here in Connecticut.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am pleased in this past session we were able to hold the line on efforts to reduce environmental protections, even in a time of economic crisis. As shown by my leadership in the Energy Committee in pushing for much tougher regulations for natural gas facilities, I will not hesitate to push for laws and regulations that protect people and the environment in our state.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support Smart Growth, but believe that it is best to provide incentives to towns to support these principles rather than mandating them.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would need to learn more about exactly what would be contemplated in this area, as well as who would be the costs of such an evaluation, and on whom the burden would fall in such</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>

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	circumstances.	
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support the work of the MORE commission and, based on my own experience both on a Town Council and now on the Appropriations Committee, can see the distorting impact of over-reliance on property tax.</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut’s landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: With good work by an unnamed advocate to flag this issue for me, I was able to alert the Chair of the Environment Committee of the behind-the-scenes efforts to reverse the ban this spring. Our experience in Cheshire has been very successful with pesticide</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Would need to consider at greater length the full impact of getting rid of the state's pre-emption on this issue, as it would have implications for other areas.</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut’s energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>This is a large and complex topic, and the challenge in responding is how to limit my response to some reasonable length. First, we need a Governor who is smart enough and bold enough to work with the legislature to join every other state in creating a single Energy agency that could coordinate all aspects of our currently incredibly disjointed energy policy. Second, we need be aware that the high energy prices in the state which help encourage (and support) conservation and green energy also have a serious economic impact, leading to job flight from the state. We need therefore to integrate our energy policy into our economic development policy -- they can and should be mutually supportive. Third, we should be modify our laws to put much more of our RGGI money into projects in the state, rather than having most of those dollars go to projects out of state -- this change would both provide much needed economic benefits in terms of jobs and dollars circulating in the state, but would also help improve the air quality in our state. Fourth, we need to be much more creative in the kinds of projects we support -- see the excellent work that we did with so much input from the environmental community to fashion the 2010 Energy Bill. This includes being fuel-blind in our projects, and including efforts like combined heat and power which have particular dividends in our region. We should also push hard to adopt PACE and other enabling efforts to empower individuals and small companies to go off the grid.</p>	

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<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I believe that nuclear power should be part of the fuel mix for us over the next 20 - 30 years. In order to address the increasingly urgent issue of climate change as well as the public health impacts of many of alternatives, I think nuclear energy could play a useful role as part of our baseload while we continue extensive development of a wide variety of alternative fuels and energy storage technologies.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: If re-elected, I would plan to take a substantial role in fashioning the next major energy bill in a form that can not only pass the legislature, but be signed by whoever is the new Governor. My extensive background in energy policy, and my work with the business community, positions me well to help create the sort of bill that can get bi-partisan support which I believe is critical to the success of any major overhaul of our very disjointed and dysfunctional energy policy in this state. I think my efforts this past year to help hammer out compromise language, to bring many voices from the environmental community into the process, but to also be realistic about the political and economic lay of the land, show that I have the interest, knowledge, perserverance, and savvy to help move a major energy reform bill next session.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Ken Neal	Running for:	House	District	108	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Department of Environmental Protection is underfunded and over-stretched. The allocation for DEP operations must be increased to address the concerns of the residents of Connecticut.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Community Investment Act is essential to protecting and preserving the community where I've grown up. I look forward to working with community land trust organizations and historical societies to advocate for maintaining current dedicated CIA funding.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund has been a great program; giving incentives to Connecticut residents who choose to reduce their energy dependence and supporting and promoting green jobs in our community. The current economic downturn has had quite a negative impact on the Fund but I will work towards restoring the \$28.7 million per year that this slated to be taken from the Clean Energy Fund.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p>	Support

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Fund	Candidate Comments: Maintaining current funding levels for the clean energy fund is sound economic and policy. I will work to support initiatives to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels, a finite resource, and switching over to alternative energy sources which are the way o	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The proper disposal of medical waste matter is essential. I will work to support regulations which and raise awarenes of proper disposal techniques of medical waste.</p>	Lead
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Introducing legislation to protect the bodies of water in my community will be my number one priority. Vegetative buffers are a great way to stop runoff pollutants from entering our waterways, which effects, wild life, plant life, pollutes our drinking water and detracts from the beauty of our waterways.</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: A shift in funding from highway expansion projects towards transit projects makes great environmental and economic sense. Funding to pave or expand an existing road is an expense with no foreseeable positive return. Investments into building mass transit projects and light rail infrastructure across Connecticut will not only cut down on vehicle emission improving our air quality but will attract businesses.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs	Support

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	<p>associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support each municipality having the option to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated community green fund for environmental programs.</p>	
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Toxic chemicals should not be allowed in children's products. I will support and advocate in favor of legislation that protects children from products that contain chemicals which are harmful to children.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would like to work with hydro-electric power facilities to help them understand the importance of their compliance with the low-impact hydropower institute recommendations.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will support opposition to rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The community I have grown up in has been able to follow smart growth principles in their development. I will continue to advocate for policies which expound these principles and protect our way of life.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support allowing municipalities to create a board process, which allows for the review of transfers of land which may have environmental concerns.</p>	<p>Support</p>

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15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Zoning regulations in my community have in the most part deterred sprawl and unstrategic development. Yet a continuing problem in our community is our reliance on property taxes to fund education. A simple solution to this is the state fully funding educat</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Pesticides are not necessary to maintain a beautiful and healthy lawn. I will support efforts to make sure that this legislation which protects children from toxic chemicals remains as law.</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will support legislation that is introduced which allows municipalities to assess their need as it relates to the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries.</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable by relying more on renewable energy resources and creating incentives to home owners who use less energy in peak and off peak hours. Our consumption of energy is ever increasing and we need to get that under control as a state, while moving towards renewable energy such as wind, solar, hydroelectric and geothermal. High energy costs in Connecticut are not sustainable. We must work together as a legislature to lower energy cost for Connecticut's residents.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Nuclear Energy has the ability to end our reliance on fossil fuels. Yet, at this point we only rely on a small percentage of it to produce our energy. I would support the expanded use of nuclear energy as long as a detailed waste management plan was set forth along with emergency management plans. Ending our reliance on fossil fuels is a laudable goal but we must ensure the safety of Connecticut's residents.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Riverfront Protection**

Comments: As Candlewood Lake, Ball Pond and Squantz Pond can be moved towards being healthy, attractive and safe recreational assets, New Fairfield and Sherman will achieve an improved quality of life. Without question, Candlewood Lake and our other waterways are the assets that for 80 years have made living in and visiting our towns unique. Having grown up in New Fairfield, I remember a better time, where Candlewood's water was near pristine, where weekend boating was safe, and where each summer swimming in the lake was close to a pool-like experience. However today, when my fellow citizens of New Fairfield and Sherman and my family go to the lake, too often the experience is swimming through an algae bloom or milfoil weed bed, boating is a rocky experience from too many, too large and too fast boats, and boating and swimming accidents and deaths are too regular a news item. My priorities during the next two years will be to move the Candlewood Lake experience in 2010 and beyond back towards what long term residents remembered in years past. I understand that this is also the objective of other individuals and organizations. Achieving our goals will require appropriate town initiatives, the help of residents, the cooperation of the other towns around Candlewood, FirstLight and the CLA, and mobilizing support from the state and federal government through our legislative and executive branch representatives. As a member of the CT Assembly I will provide the leadership to initiate and support others in the community and legislature who champion programs that: 1. Preserve and protect the ecology of our waterways and their watersheds, 2. Drive the development of an effective, long-term milfoil control program and push for timely implementation, and 3. Challenge and fund waterway law enforcement organizations to achieve a safe and enjoyable swimming and boating experience for our citizens. I will start by drawing together experts and residents in a forum to identify and quantify the issues needing implementation to achieve those goals and to solve those issues. In an open dialogue with residents and businesses we would then prioritize which issues and solutions will be addressed, in what order, and with what commitment of resources. A healthy, attractive and safe Candlewood Lake, Squantz Pond and Ball Pond will be a top priority of my tenure in Hartford.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Bob Godfrey	Running for: House	District 110	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

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6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'm actively involved both on the state and national levels (I will chair the Council of State Governments in 2011) in promoting Rep. Oberstar's proposals to reinvigorate mass transportation, especially rail (and not just high speed rail). CT will have to change it's policies and practices to mirror this.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: My constituents have ranked 'lack of affordable housing' as one of their top three concerns consistently. I oppose the current conveyence tax, and any other tax on real estate conveyences. This worthy project needs a revenue stream that doesn't punish home buyers.</p>	Oppose
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This flows naturally from the extensive work I did on clean air in schools.</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'm not in the least familiar with this issue.</p>	Uncertain

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12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I serve not only on the Planning and Development Committee, but also on the Speaker's MORE commission, and plan on continuing to merge smart growth principals with tax-dollar saving regionalization.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The property tax is a 18th century idea popularized to fund free public education in the 19th century that does not work in the 21st century. How about a summit on replacing the property tax?</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is part of my campaign to make schools safe from toxins.</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This approach is too weak. Toxins don't recognize town boundaries. I strongly prefer a state-wide standard. The legislature must buckle down and regulate the use of pesticides everywhere.</p>	Oppose
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p>	

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	I heartily approve of the provisions in SB 493, that Governor Rell vetoed (why is beyond my ken).	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Our civilization, let alone our economy, is dependent on reliable and affordable electricity. I have no prejudice against nuclear power. But I would need to see the details of any particular proposal to ensure safety and environmental concerns, as well as economic ones.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development**

Comments: I intend to request reappointment to both the P&D committee and the MORE commission to continue my advocacy of smart growth and regionalization.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Joseph Heyman	Running for: House	District 111	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

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2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Years ago, I started a company, American Solar Heat, to manufacture, install, and service residential solar hot water systems, becoming the second largest installer in the State. While on the Ridgefield Planning and Zoning Commission, I urged applicants to orient their homes for the best results in passive solar energy. As a board member of my wee co op in NYC, urged the building managers to switch all of our hall lighting to energy efficient bulbs, saving \$12000 a year. I compost my garbage, I drive a Prius, I recycle what ever I can. It is important to back those methods that have the most cost benefit, i.e., better home insulation can have a payback of under 5 years, photovoltaic may be 20 years.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am keenly aware of this problem due to my daughter being a diabetic, and seeing the care she takes in disposing of her used needles, etc.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am keenly aware of this problem , having been on the Ridgefield Planning and Zoning for 20 years, which also served as the Wetlands Commission.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Complicated problem due to the relatively low density (2 acres) of many of our communities. Ridgefield created a unique solution by having a shuttle bus to the Katonah rail station, which is heavily used. Although I regularly ride a bike, I find the roads in Ridgefield too dangerous, so choose other towns/cities. Perhaps bike trails along reconstructed highways. The ultimate answer is high density development near major modes of mass transportation. In some ways, Stamford is achieving this.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a former urban planner, I am concerned that the State has enabling legislation, Sec 8-30g, that negates local planning and zoning, which is almost totally opposed to smart growth. This should be modified. As a member of the Ridgefield P&Z, I campaigned for, and accomplished, the creation of an Architectural Advisory Committee which has greatly raised the aesthetics of our Town.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Since we have the highest electrical rates in the nation, this should be the first order of concern since it has such a negative effect on attracting, and keeping, companies in our state. It is part of the total picture of why we are losing industry. Coupled with a flawed transportation system, our State is losing the edge we had years ago. Clean, low cost energy should be encouraged, such as wind mill farms, which seem to be cost effective, if sufficient winds are available. The State not taxing hybrid cars is a good step. Requiring better insulation and passive solar design in new buildings is very cost effective. Continue educating the public on how energy is used, i.e., refrigerators, lighting, and hot water heaters giving us the opportunity to bring efficiency to our homes. Showing the public ways of reducing energy consumption, better insulation, windows, heating systems. The technology, mainly from Europe, is here.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>From a theoretical point of view, nuclear energy could deliver the clean, pollution free, power we need. Due to several mishaps, its reputation is poor. In Europe, which gets about 50% of its electrical energy from nuclear, we could possibly learn some lessons on safety in construction. Since, in our country, 50% of our electrical power is from coal, there are as many negative side effects, long lasting, not as catastrophic as nuclear, but still there. Perhaps learning from more successful programs to continue/expand this source of potentially clean energy.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which ONE of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: We have to reduce our reliance on oil. This can be done by both reducing our demand, and/or using oil more efficiently. Encourage better design of new homes using passive design criteria. I will try to encourage better siting of single family homes, to be oriented for passive solar heat. I will attempt to modify Section 8-30 g, which is contrary to Smart Growth. Encourage better use of our precious resources, i.e. more fuel efficient cars, heating systems, appliances.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Michele Mount	Running for: House	District 112	Party: Democrat
Mailing Address: 51 Jockey Hollow Rd, Monroe, CT 006468	Phone: 203-209-3132	Email: attymount@aol.com	
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Funding for the DEP is critical because all other efforts are impacted by DEP funding.,</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Alternate energy investment will not only protect the environment, but help create jobs. Robbing these funds is short sighted as clean energy is how we can make CT sustainable future.</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In addition to the environmental impact created by unsafe roads and lack of alternate transportation, work on Connecticut's infrastructure is an effective way to create jobs and provide Connecticut with additional revenue.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Oppose
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>We need teeth behind the renewable portfolio standards. When setting standards for energy generators we must have the ability to enforce those levels. Currently wind and solar energy are booming across the nation. We are home to GE and Pratt & Whitney and have the ability to host high tech industries such as those. We need to actively create a market in Connecticut for the renewable energy industries and cultivate these businesses.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>In the past I have not supported nuclear energy; at this point I am unsure. I need more information on the current levels of safety and environmental impact.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments: The current form of taxation and the way that municipalities are funded is unsustainable. We have towns making irresponsible decisions on everything from the environment to education based on lack of funds.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	DebraLee Hovey	Running for:	House	District	112	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I do believe we have underfunded a critical department. We need to streamline their permitting process..bring it out of the darkages and then give them the support they need for enforcement and follow through</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Vital to the preservation of CT as we know and love it.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: the future of CT is in green and clean energy.</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will need to see the supporting documentation of whether or not our constituents will use the mass transit.</p>	Uncertain
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is an area where common sense must prevail so while I support maintaining our standards I really wish we were doing a better job of letting those things that are not priorities go and enforcing those things that we really need to be vigilant about.</p>	<p>Support</p>
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We still do not have a common understanding of what "smart growth" is and until that time while I do support planned communities I am not sure about this answer and will wait to see what the specific legislation is and vote based on what is best for CT as a whole.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The municipalities are looking to the State for guidance in this area</p>	<p>Support</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have stated that I believe we should allow a % of the sales tax to stay in our municipalities...thus giving relief from property tax.</p>	<p>Support</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe we need to have such bans at the state level if necessary and not left to the towns which will negatively impact on communities collaborating and exacerbate issues between towns.</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	we need to incentivize green energy and those who provide new jobs	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Area I have not studeied.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) I propose legislation: There are issues with our bottle bill. I have seen cans that should be being re-cycled that are not because they are not carbonated. I believe we need to be a state that recycles and all beverage cans should be recycled and have a**

Comments: lead role on the following: DEP re- organization Open space and Farm preservation Equine trail use preservation and multi- use trails maintained.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Elaine Matto	Running for:	House	District	113	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It's an issue I'm only just learning about-- but it certainly makes sense to be concerned</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The obsession with lawns... very environmentally destructive, and totally unnecessary! Getting rid of pesticides where children play seems like a very minimal place to start</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Pesticides don't stay on private property</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>There were some pretty good proposals last term that failed-- to incentivise renewables by obtaining funds from electricity rate payers. These ideas should be re-visited and passed, if not strengthened. It appears that it will be up to the states to do something-- the feds seems paralyzed.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I would have to hear pretty strong evidence that there were safe plan for disposal of spent fuels in order to support nuclear energy expansion. I don't know of any scientific breakthroughs on the horizon... I would have to know more about the true costs and environmental impacts.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: Doing something about energy has implications for rate payers, businesses, and the environment. Rate relief would ideally be coupled with incentives to develop more renewables-- otherwise, a rate reduction might just fuel (pun) further use of fossil fuels. I do believe this will be one of the intense issue of the upcoming legislature. Just as an FYI. I'd like to point out that I am a nurse and also educated in sociology, so I am conversant with and appreciate the language and methods of science. I also consider myself to be a "back yard naturalist", managing 5 acres in an environmentally responsible way. After workign here for 24 years, I have nearly eliminated the non-native invasives! When I was in grade school, my first dream career was entomology-- until I read that a typical job in that field would be to work for a pesticide comapny! So that was the end of that dream for me.

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Candidate: Kim Rose	Running for: House	District 118	Party: Democrat
Mailing Address: 292 Naugatuck Ave., Milford, CT 006460	Phone: 203-988-2078	Email: kimrose2010@aol.com	
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a new member in the House I would feel more than comfortable in supporting this in theory but with decreased levels of income there are necessary cuts but I am dedicated to keeping the same percentage of DEP funding if not real dollars.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the Planning and Zoning Board in Milford, I was chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee. I also spear-headed "Save Eisenhower Park" – a group to stop the over-development of the park so these issues along with remediation and farms are of extreme importance to me,</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would fully support restoring the \$28.7 million, this money is crucial to the Conn Energy Efficiency Fund.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would actively support maintain dedicated funding.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would like to more funding in public awareness, such as inserting the disposal instructions in with prescriptions. Also, a State Wide disposal pharmaceutical day, perhaps co sponsored through the state's pharmacies and health departments.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This can be a relatively easy and inexpensive way to help protect our water systems. Coming from Milford, we are fortunate to have local initiatives to work to maintain a high level of environmental responsibility. I have worked to try to save open spaces and keep run off from out streams. LIS is the end for most of the streams and rivers which will results in algae blooms etc so river runoff is something I am concerned about since the end result directly affects my district and home.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Living in Milford I recognize the importance buses and rail and light rail can have. Commuting from Milford to Hartford via a light rail system would be a great advancement for the CT economy and infrastructure. There is still a needed to maintain the standard of quality needed to maintain safety in our community.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I got my start in politics fighting overdevelopment in Milford. I brought a 2,000 signature petition to the Planning and Zoning Board to try to stop the creation of a housing development. While unsuccessful in completely stopping the project the community support which I helped to organize was able to reduce the number of units by 25%. From that action I was asked to help save community</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	gardens the Mayor wanted to develop convert the gardens located into a park to ball fields. With my leadership we were able to stop this development and maintain the community gardens. Regionalism and collectivization can help to offer a way in which communities can provide green funds and jobs while possibly shying away from taxing our residents more on the sale of their homes.	
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children’s products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I fully support the initiatives that my counterpart, Richard Roy has taken and would support any initiative to restrict the chemicals. Toxins in the environment in particular our children’s products. Since, toxins are a significant contributing factor to</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund’s grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would fully support this and look forward to additional information.</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut’s existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As we have witnessed recently from Wall St to BP lack of regulation can result in horrible events. I am a firm believer that is the job of government to act as a shepard and use government regulation so that we do not hinder advances in any field but more importantly to ensure the safety of the residents of the state of Connecticut, economically, environmentally, and all other avenues.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: While the culture of America has always been to develop and evolve it is important to change the way in which have historically developed and adopt more “Smart Growth” philosophies and principles</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: A perfect example is that a developer was approved an 8-30g application to build</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>a condo project on a tiny side street abutting one of Milford's Historic cemeteries, a citizen fight has ensued due to the possibilities of having human remains (Civil War) and artifacts. We must keep CT growing but we also must maintain our stewardship of our recourses.</p>	
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Democrats in the House have held the line on municipal funding while counterparts in other states have cut that funding. A new and emerging tool to combat sprawl and the need to high local property tax bases is collectivization and regionalism to lower th</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: There are so many natural ways that the same results can be achieved, it makes no sense for us to jeopardize our children's health.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: While I do support the idea of limiting the use of pesticides as much as possible the issue of reworking legislation to allow municipalities to legislate what private homeowners want to do on their land is a tricky issue. But better education about the negative effects of pesticide use is something I am completely in favor of.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>While LIS does not have the wind farm potential, at least from my understanding, that the Cape Cod Wind Project but we do have many other potential renewable energy options, including wind farms. Tidal energy is something which has not gotten much play in the media and the public awareness of it seems to be rather low. Especially in shoreline communities, such as Milford, tidal energy offers a potential solution to certain energy needs even if it is only on a small micro generation plant to supplement the energy needs of a small community. I am open to many new ideas and definitely want to help move Connecticut into the future relative to cleaner and renewable energy sources. Connecticut has great potential for working to solve energy issues, between the many universities and companies located within our borders we have the brainpower to help solve this issue, we must harness that power. It is our job in Hartford to shape the energy policies and programs of the state. In order to do that we must work to ensure that the young population does not continue to leave our state and to build programs and jobs for them to continue to work, live, and make this state better. Developing partnerships and programs within the State University system as well as the private institutions located here in Connecticut we can create initiatives and programs which not only create new green jobs but also keep the young population here in our state and provide jobs to CT residents who desperately need them.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am opposed to Nuclear Energy. There are too many risk factors involved. With the opportunities of using Solar, and wind, I would like to see those expanded. Nuclear energy offers only a small opportunity to help combat our dependency on fossil fuels while at the same time creating a very dangerous by product.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Medical Waste Disposal**

Comments: I am opposed to Nuclear Energy. There are too many risk factors involved. With the opportunities of using Solar, and wind, I would like to see those expanded. Nuclear energy offers only a small opportunity to help combat our dependency on fossil fuels while at the same time creating a very dangerous by product.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	CHERYL JANSEN	Running for:	House	District	122	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: THERE SHOULD BE NO FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGE UNTIL SAFETY ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED VIA MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. EXPANSION OF HIGHWAYS WILL DISCOURAGE BUILDING OF MASS TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURES. I FAVOR A DEDICATED RAIL LINE DIRECTLY TO HARTFORD/SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESS AND TOURISM IN OUR STATE.</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: SHELTON HAS NEEDED UPGRADES TO ITS WASTE TREATMENT AND THIS WOULD BE ONE WAY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: THIS NECESSARY BUT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO POLICE. INCREASED CONSUMER / PARENT EDUCATION WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ACHIEVE THIS END.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: SHELTON COULD ESPECIALLY BENEFIT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: SHARING OF SERVICES ACROSS MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES WOULD ALSO HELP LOWER PROPERTY TAXES</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: ATHLETIC AND RECREATION FIELDS AND PARKS SHOULD BE INCLUDED.</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments: CONTROL IS IMPORTANT ACROSS THE BOARD BUT TOWNS THAT RELY ON WELLS SHOULD HAVE GREATER CONTROL.	
18. Energy Policy	How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable? TAX INCENTIVES FOR CLEAN ENERGY USE BY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. PUSH FOR BETTER MASS TRANSIT INCLUDING RAIL LINES.	
19. Nuclear Energy	What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why? WITH PROPER SAFEGUARDS, MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION REGULATIONS IN PLACE IT CAN BE A SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO COAL FIRED PLANTS.	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IS A HUGE ISSUE AS OUR INFRASTRUCTURES HAVE DETERIOATED TO THE POINT OF BEING DANGEROUS. TO JUST REPLACE THESE OUTDATED MODES OF TRANSPORTATION DOES NOT SERVE THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE. RELIABLE, CLEAN MASS TRANSIT MUST BE A PRIORITY.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Quentin Dreher	Running for:	House	District	124	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Oppose
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Make certain that Connecticut energy policy is funded at a level equal to or greater than national levels to assert Connecticut as a leader of alternative and clean energy. This would be accomplished not by raising taxes, but taking funds from "overfunded, less producing" fat programs.</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I support nuclear energy as an alternative energy.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: By being a leader in persuing investment in clean alternative energy.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: John Hetherington	Running for: House	District 125	Party: Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: DEP and other essential operations suffer because we have not adequately managed our overall spending which exceeds what our revenues can support. I would make DEP a firm priority in a truly balanced budget.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I oppose raiding these dedicated funds. These abuses are driven by a failure to adopt a responsible state budget.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Please refer to comment on #3</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Disposal	Candidate Comments: I am active locally in efforts to establish a permanent place for people to turn in medications that are no longer needed. This year we created a successful "Turn-In-Your-Meds" day in both New Canaan and Wilton that was a first in our communities.	
6. Riverfront Protection	What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? Candidate Comments: I live on the Silvermine River and I am very interested in protecting all of our rivers and waterways. Buffers are necessary to control runoff and, also, to help limit the rise in water temperature. At the same time, local conditions and reasonable uses need to be recognized which requires adequate flexibility.	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)? Candidate Comments: I strongly support alternatives to auto transportation out of concerns for our environment, economy and quality of life. Also - rail transportation is very important in my towns of Wilton and New Canaan.	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts? Candidate Comments: Lead	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them? Candidate Comments: This threatens to be a tax on a particular segment of our economy that is under great stress and is very important to the communities I represent. Also, I have difficulty with a tax on one group of people for a purpose that confers a general benefit on everyone.	Oppose
10. Toxics	What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Candidly, I need to study and better understand the technical aspects of this issue.</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Businesses in our state need clarity and certainty in environmental regulation, as well as expeditions processing of applications relating to proposed activity. If such were achieved, efforts at weakening laws would be substantially diminished. To this end, DEP should be fully funded as far as possible within the context of a balanced budget.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Smart Growth is part of the answer to ugly sprawl and also makes fiscal sense for the municipalities involved. I fully support incentives, realizing that a balance is needed to preserve appropriate local sovereignty.</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: There are significant problems, including inequities, with the extent of municipal reliance on property taxes. The challenges lie in finding the right alternatives.</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe that my voting record is pretty clear on this</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>At the start, we need a clear energy policy. I am not sure that we have articulated one. Our energy policy should encourage should encourage the production of energy in a way that is clean, low cost and reliant on domestic resources. It also needs to be realistic to have a chance of success. For example, solar and thermal are among those that are promising for Connecticut. Wind may be less so because of population density. I have met with area business people who are ready to promote solar solutions if the business environment in Connecticut generally were more favorable. We need to recognize that green business is still business, and has had to succeed in a competitive world. On the conservation side, we have taken constructive steps with incentives, which are part of a coherent policy.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Nuclear energy offers substantial promise and should be incorporated in an overall plan. It is clean and can be economical. It is utilized in other developed countries with good results.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: The roles identified in Part I logically relate to roles in the Legislature. Leadership and support also require activity in the community to build backing among constituents for the causes we champion. Several examples of my activity along these lines: 1. Help create and carry-out "Turn-In-Your-Meds" Day in my two towns - please see comment under #5. 2. Recently a local high school student started a project to create awareness of "environmentally responsible driving." It has achieved substantial positive press. I am working with her and DMV to increase this awareness among new drivers. 3. This spring I participated with Trout Unlimited in a clean-up of the Norwalk River in Wilton.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Brenda Kupchick	Running for:	House	District	132	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	213 Farist Rd., Fairfield, CT 006825	Phone:	203-336-1724	Email:	BKupchick@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support restoring DEP's funds, within the context of an overall balanced budget. I oppose the legislature's raiding dedicated environmental funds for general government expenditures.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support restoration within the context of a balanced budget.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the Fairfield Board of Education, I supported the Fairfield's program to install solar PV in all of the town's schools. As the co-owner of an HVAC business, I've seen firsthand the positive impact of financial incentives on customers' willi</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Disposal	Candidate Comments: I'd like to see the state take the lead in partnering with local health districts and pharmaceutical companies to sponsor pharmaceutical disposal events, as some other governments have done.	
6. Riverfront Protection	What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)? Candidate Comments:	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)? Candidate Comments:	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts? Candidate Comments: Uncertain	Uncertain
9. Community Green Fund	What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them? Candidate Comments: While I support a community green fund, I do not support increasing taxes or fees. Though I understand budget cuts are "unpopular," the state as well as towns need to set priorities for spending, not constantly look to raise revenues.	Oppose
10. Toxics	What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Inclined to support, but would like to know more about the Low-Impact Hydropower standards.</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support strong standards and oversight, however feel there is the need to streamline the regulatory process at DEP and several other state agencies. I would not support curtailing environmental standards that help make Connecticut such an attractive place to live, we must also work together to make Connecticut more attractive to businesses and jobs.</p>	Uncertain
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support incentives but not mandates.</p>	Oppose
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I'm hesitant to impose additional mandates on struggling towns and cities. In Fairfield, the local conservation requirements for residential and commercial development are extremely robust. I do not see a need to take that role away from local decision makers.</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The most productive thing the state can do for property taxpayers and municipalities is to bring state spending under control, and cut the size of state government and the burden of state taxes. Additionally, communities need to invest more time in maste</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It would be impossible to enforce any such prohibition on using products that are sold legally.</p>	Oppose
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Funds dedicated for energy programs should not repeatedly be used for other purposes, which can only be accomplished if the legislature makes the difficult decisions necessary to fundamentally restructure state government and close the structural holes in our budget. In addition, we should consolidate all energy-related programs in state government into one department, instead of the current piecemeal approach to energy policy.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Until we have a national solution for securely storing nuclear material, I would not consider supporting any expansion.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: The state needs to prioritize investment in transportation and infrastructure, especially mass transit. While I realize many candidates have said this, I am committed to making the difficult budgetary decisions to allow the state to fulfill its vital role in this area. Without continued, robust investment in mass transit options, Connecticut cannot make progress toward its economic or environmental goals.

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Candidate:	Jonathan Steinberg	Running for:	House	District	136	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As an active environmentalist in Westport (Co-Chair, Septic System Education Taskforce; Co-Chair, GreenScapes Action Project; active member, Green Village Initiative) I've seen first-hand how DEP's diminished resources have led to lax enforcement and minimal standards for protecting various environmental assets, particularly with regard to aquifers, rivers, and coastline ecosystems. DEP must have the resources necessary to fulfill its responsibilities and, if not, cede some control to "home rule" communities prepared to protect resources at a more aggressive level.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Although I fear that CIA is particularly vulnerable to budget cuts next year, with the ballooning deficit, I would fight hard to maintain funding. Connecticut is a state that was home to a lot of heavy industry which have left unremediated brownfield sites in many communities, with consequences we can't easily assess. On the positive side, Connecticut also boasts of a plethora of buildings and sites worthy of historic preservation and has been progressive in protecting and supporting local and state site recognition and educational initiatives. We need to maintain this enlightened policy. Dairy and farm land have become hard to protect, but I support the preservation of open space of all kinds -- once lost, we can't easily reclaim them!</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>Candidate Comments: This appears to be a tough issue because Connecticut has serious energy cost issues which also need to be resolved on behalf of state consumers. But the Fund's focus on conservation and education yield benefits that justify the surcharge. I have had an energy audit of my home and have made some serious changes to usage and other habits. We need to keep these programs going in Connecticut and I believe there's an opportunity to make the state a model of energy progressivism -- if for no other reason that we must find a way to manage escalating costs.</p>	
<p>4. Clean Energy Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As I mentioned previously, Connecticut's high energy cost status complicates seemingly clear-cut efforts to promote clean energy which increase costs. The recent governors' initiative in support of the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard is an example of a well-me</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a former executive in the hospital healthcare arena, I'm very aware of the dangers inherent in medical waste disposal. I deplore the lax regulations regarding disposal and would advocate strict and punitive enforcement of violations. Pharmaceutical companies have the resources to pick up after themselves and should work with medical providers to assure proper disposal procedures and safeguards are in place.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I've seen in my own community the struggle between our Conservation Department and local developers intent on clear-cutting of mature trees and elimination of vegetative buffers -- even attempting to circumvent wetlands regulations. Local municipal agencies struggle to enforce such regulations and local Planning & Zoning Departments are under intense pressure to relax restrictions. We need the state to lead the way on appropriate percentages of coverage & FAR, incentives for semi-permeable surfaces and guidance on maintaining/restoring vegetation -- particularly with proximity to waterways and wetlands. Additionally, I would support legislation advocating restricted use of high-nitrogen fertilizers and pesticides which typically run off into our waterways and the Sound. The state had been making some environmental progress, but I fear has begun to backslide.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We've been talking about transportation progress for way too long and with little</p>	<p>Lead</p>

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	<p>to show for it. Part of the solution is to discourage wasteful automobile transportation, which may require the installation of Easy Pass-like tolls (can also generate revenues from thru-trucks and reduce congestion) on highways. It might also require the long overdue upgrading of the Metro North electrification system so we can avoid costly delays and prepare the line for more high-speed, efficient train service. Local bus shuttles have had mixed success, partially because communities have failed to sufficiently encourage (or discourage) auto commuting. Having said all this, I also believe we need to address the state's crumbling infrastructure, perhaps all the more reason for tolls. Lastly, my experience tells me that encouraging too much bicycle traffic can be dangerous -- literally so for riders who mistakenly believe they are safe.</p>	
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I love the idea! Even in a depressed real estate market, Westport is an ideal community to employ this initiative. We've proven to be progressive on environmental issues, and our high-priced homes would generate funds of consequence. As a member of Westport's Representative Town Meeting, I believe that we could generate the votes to see this program passed.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: One of my great regrets in my years on the RTM is my vote to support funding of turf fields at our schools. It was only subsequently that we learned of the alarming risks -- even if not totally substantiated to date -- of the toxins that might be release</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Alternative energy generation is critical to Connecticut, so we need to find a way to generate clean energy with minimal environmental impact. I would favor more hydropower generation, so I agree it's essential that we not only assure that new facilities adhere to existing standards but are encouraged to adopt the best compliance practices and state-of-the-art technology.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In many instances, Connecticut's standards are already too weak or are inadequately enforced. DEP must receive greater funding and strengthened mandates to act on our behalf. Sure, we need to encourage new businesses and business retention in the state -- but NEVER at the expense of the environment. I do not believe these two goals are mutually exclusive. But only DEP can look out for our collective interests and must not be eviscerated by funding cuts or watered-down regulations. Right now, we're going in the wrong direction.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I've long endorsed the principles of Smart Growth and have been intimately involved with Westport's 2007 Plan of Conservation and Development. I've advocated consistently on behalf of septic systems, partially because I believe that the spread of sewer lines encourages more intensive development. I've also resisted efforts by members of our town's P&Z to "take paradise and put up a parking lot." It's a real subject of controversy in my community, but it has prepared me for the hard fight at the state level.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is a particularly pertinent issue, given the State's inclination to raise needed revenues through the sale of its land. I believe that a collaborative relationship with municipal conservation and planning & zoning bodies could fairly easily address the necessary education and regulatory changes to assure appropriate safeguards.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As much as I support the objectives of limiting sprawl and unstrategic development, the topic of property taxes in Westport is a bit problematic. We have made support of our schools our top priority, which is funded by property taxes. I would favor supp</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As Co-Chair of Westport's GreenScapes Action Project, which seeks to educate homeowners on the deleterious effects of excessive fertilizer, pesticide and herbicide use, I'm well-educated on the issue and have had conversations with Westport's Public Works</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See above for my active efforts on behalf of pesticide education and attempts to wean Westport homeowners off pesticide "addiction" and change their impression of what should be defined as "lawn beauty." Yes, it's a hard sell to affluent homeowners intent on a green carpet, but we've made some modest inroads in getting them to ask their lawncare providers about their practices and to encourage the creation of "contracts" promoting organic practices. I would strongly endorse efforts to strengthen local control and education.</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Connecticut is hardly a leader in energy issues right now, but could certainly become one. I've been encouraged about recent discussions on electric cars and encouraging alternative energy generation -- although we're really not much of a player to date. We might not be ideal territory for wind generation but should strongly encourage it where applicable. I'd like to see the state become an energy-tech leader and a model for other states. Perhaps, if we're able to attract alternative energy startups and manufacturing entities of batteries, solar cells and wind turbines, we can slowly replace our departed insurance industry as our #1, best-known-for business identity. But that will require a determined effort to attract such businesses, including encouraging R&D, relocation and perhaps short-term tax incentives. We also need to address our high-cost energy status by breaking free of the New England ISO and addressing the inordinately high gasoline and energy costs in Fairfield County. Although I'm no expert on the issue, I can't understand how our utilities have been allowed to abandon energy generation, leaving the state as a downstream energy user without much leverage. We can't allow our weak position to open inroads for inappropriate energy pipeline initiatives like Broadwater. Lastly, I think we've made a good start in encouraging energy conservation but shouldn't rest on our laurels. Again, Connecticut can be a model if we aggressively pursue conservation education and press utilities to do the same.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Tough issue! I theoretically agree that nuclear energy can be safe and needs to be part of the solution to reduce our reliance on imported oil and dirty coal. I'm frustrated, as many others are, that we've failed to generate confidence in plant safety or in nuclear waste disposal. I'm also concerned that we, as a country, have failed to institute adequate security from terrorist attacks -- as far as I've been told. So, I'm definitely in favor of aggressively exploring ways to address the issues and improve security because I think we really don't have much choice.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: I think I've stated my position pretty clearly. I'd like to see Connecticut as an energy tech leader and an exemplar of responsible energy policy and practice. Connecticut's size, energy cost issues, potentially conducive infrastructure and need for dedicated industry all argue for commitment to energy leadership.

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Candidate:	Peggy Reeves	Running for:	House	District	143	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The DEP has been underfunded and understaffed. If that weren't bad enough, the Retirement Incentive Program (RIP) has left the DEP further depleted. Throughout the 2009-2010 legislative session, I have depended on the expertise and experience of the DEP staff to assist me with legislation, but many of those I worked with are no longer there. There should be adequate funding to enforce current regulations that protect air, water, and land so that the staff will not feel besieged and pressured into leaving early.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Community Investment Act and the National Trust for Historic Preservation has funded the rehab and preservation of at least two barns in my district: Ambler Farm and the Wilton Congregational Church barn. I believe it is important to preserve the rural character of our state. We should preserve all existing farmland from further development.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I voted against the 2011 budget, in part because of the raid of this fund. Increased spending on efficiency measures and conservation will drive our energy costs lower. High energy costs make the cost of doing business in the state more expensive than just about any other state. Having said that, we are facing a 3 billion dollar budget deficit in 2011 so it will be difficult to restore all the</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	funding we would like.	
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We can and should invest in clean renewable energy. By supporting alternative energy sources we are addressing climate change and adding jobs to the state. The largest installer of wind and solar systems in the Northeast is located in Connecticut, in my di</p>	<p>Lead</p>
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The disposal of prescription medicines and other controlled substances could be handled at hazardous waste day, or at other events, town by town, or several towns working together. Regulations should not be too burdensome or costly or towns will not make the effort to do it. The danger to humans and wildlife of pharmaceutical waste should be well-publicized.</p>	<p>Support</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I know there is controversy about this as some special interest groups consider it a "taking" of land. But I do believe that a statewide system of a buffer zone to protect wwater quality would be fairer than allowing 169 different towns and cities to rule in disparate ways, depending upon their local P& Z Commissions to make law.</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must reduce the use of single-occupancy vehicles on our roads by encouraging and funding sensible alternatives such as improvements to our rail service, bus service, and increased use of van pools. It also creates jobs. As for our state's roads and highways, let's repair and fix it first, before there is any talk of new roads.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated “community green fund” for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I think it is important for us to give communities the option to promote environmental programs in this manner. I would not support a mandate at this time because I am concerned about the downturn in the economy and the real estate market but I would support it as enabling legislation, as is proposed.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children’s products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The ban on BPA, although a compromise in the end, was a good start as was the ban on cadmium in children's jewelry. We need to look at all endocrine and hormone interruptors.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund’s grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Hydropower is emission-free energy but not particularly green. Requiring new or existing facilities to be more efficient with less impact on the eco-system (fish and habitat) would be very beneficial. We are working to remove one or two dams in my district, as they impede fish passage and collect sediment which can contain contaminants.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut’s existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We should never use a difficult economic climate as an excuse to loosen regulations which would weaken CT’s existing laws.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We should all strive to reduce sprawl and create liveable communities. I fully support any state or local policies which would re-create walkable, vibrant downtown centers with mixed-use development.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Currently not a very transparent process. It would be helpful to require any transferee to follow the EIE process but I would need to weigh any costs associated with proposed legislation before I commit to support.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Need to regionalize some decision making and large-scale purchases to save money for towns and cities. Need to restructure policy regarding our tax revenues for the state. Property taxes are income-blind. It contributes to the exodus of valued seniors f</p>	<p>Support</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The legislation is flexible enough to allow pesticides when needed for control of ticks, etc as Lyme disease is a big concern in the state. But there is no good rationale for applying pesticides just to have a green, weed-free lawn.</p>	<p>Support</p>
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is an interesting concept which I would possibly support after seeing more details. Many homeowners in my district do treat for ticks because of chronic issues with Lyme disease so I would want that to be protected in any legislation.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Pass Senate Bill 493 next term. Separate the DPUC from a new division of research, energy, and technology. Promote renewable energy, such as solar programs and fuel cells. Establish and promote a loan program for financing energy improvements. Develop a plan to reduce the price of electricity. Make our energy policy consumer-driven, instead of industry-driven.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>After Three Mile Island, I did not think that I could support nuclear energy. There are serious safety concerns and security concerns. In addition, there is much controversy regarding the storage of spent rods. However, like the President, I believe that future energy</p>	

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	policy will have to carefully balance all sources of energy. Many feel that we can not meet our goals for reducing carbon footprints and tackling climate change without having nuclear on the table. I will keep an open mind on the expansion of nuclear, but I do have concerns about interstate commerce and the transportation of nuclear waste from state to state.	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: Try to keep the state residents informed of the critical nature of our environmental policy and energy policy. Prepare op-ed pieces. Speak to the business community so that they can understand the role energy costs play in the cost of doing business and why the current policy is not working.

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Candidate:	Gail Lavielle	Running for:	House	District	143	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe DEP funding must be a state priority. It is a question of sound, long-term management of our resources. Given CT's budget crisis, all areas of the state budget should be thoroughly examined to identify efficiencies. Once that is done, I would definitely support an increased allocation of funds to the DEP if they are available.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe this is key to preserving Connecticut's unique character and natural assets.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I checked "lead" because 1) I believe this must be a top priority due to automobiles' effect on the environment, and 2) I have significant relevant experience. I am a member of the CT Public Transportation Commission and of the steering committee for the Norwalk River Valley Trail. In both capacities, I have been a strong and vocal advocate for alternatives to automobiles, specifically rail (particularly the Danbury branch line) and bike/pedestrian paths. It is urgent to upgrade our rail service, to improve our rail/bus and rail/bike links, and to pursue transit-oriented development seriously. We must also seriously evaluate other alternatives, such as light rail.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would support this as long as the legislation remained enabling, rather than mandatory.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe smart growth is important. It facilitates transportation, reduces fuel usage and emissions, and improves quality of life for people with limited mobility, like seniors. I am very supportive of incentives for municipalities in this area. One reason I have checked "lead" is the close relationship between smart growth and transportation, an area where I would expect to play a lead role from the outset.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Many municipalities oversee respect of zoning regulations with volunteer commissions, and I would definitely support that type of oversight for enforcing adherence to the state's conservation and development goals.</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>It should be clearer, and readily accessible in one place. I serve on the Wilton Energy Commission, and groups like these would benefit greatly from having one clear source for up-to-date information on state energy policy. I have very much appreciated having the opportunity to participate in the activities of the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I think we should not evaluate nuclear energy only by comparison to energy generated by fossil fuels. We must also weigh nuclear energy against solar, wind, geothermal heat, and other clean, renewable energy sources. Nuclear energy has advantages over fossil fuels in terms of emissions, and disadvantages in the areas of safety and waste disposal. One of my major concerns about it is that there is still debate on whether nuclear energy sources should be considered renewable. If energy can be generated by indisputably renewable, clean, and safe, resources within a reasonable timeframe and at a cost comparable to (or, of course, lower than) that of nuclear power, then I would favor those unquestionably renewable resources over nuclear power. I believe that sound long-term management of our natural resources is one of our primary responsibilities.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which ONE of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: This is an area where I have the strong experience and a record of advocacy. I would request membership on the Transportation Committee. I would propose and support initiatives that facilitate mass transit, particularly in Fairfield County, where population density, economic activity, and numbers of inbound and outbound commuters urgently require better transit choices. I would advocate for upgrades to New Haven branch lines, improved parking facilities, a better bus system, better bike/rail arrangements, and development of bike/pedestrian trails. I would promote public education and information on the benefits of mass transit, and would be an active participant in efforts to develop broader, regional approaches (statewide, New England) to improving transportation. I would also promote legislation encouraging transit-oriented development. I have followed the proceedings of the General Assembly's Transportation Committee for the past two years, and would be operational immediately. Thank you very much for the opportunity to respond to your survey. I believe that managing the use of our natural resources responsibly and protecting our environment should be top priorities for our state. Best, -- Gail Lavielle

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Candidate:	Livy Floren	Running for:	House	District	149	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	210 Round Hill Road, Greenwich, CT 006831	Phone:	203-661-5758	Email:	olivia@dcfcap.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	No	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have always supported adequate funding and full staffing for DEP and will continue to do so. Even in these dire economic times, the environment must remain a high priority for governmental support.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I worked to maintain these funds within the bonding package.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>Candidate Comments: This is a huge issue going forward as more and more biologics are in use. We need to educate consumers on storing used syringes and disposing of them at hospitals and other designated places.</p>	
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a co-chair of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, this issue is on my radar screen. I think we need to strengthen our zoning laws to reduce the amount of impervious surfaces allowed.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Stamford, which is part of my District, is a leader in transit oriented development. I am in total support.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I cannot support additional taxes at this time ... no matter how good and just the cause. I will work to develop other methods to fund such an initiative, however.</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I was a lead on preventing pesticide use at day care centers and elementary schools ... and also restricting BP-A and cadmium in children's products.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I was instrumental in getting Denise Savageau, Greenwich Conservation Director, appointed to the recent Permitting Task Force. The environmental community should always be at the table, in my opinion.</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: In principle, I support smart growth goals. However, I cannot support a re-distribution of local property taxes.</p>	Uncertain
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Oppose
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: my legislation!</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments: private land is just that -- think we can educate a decrease in the private sector.	
18. Energy Policy	How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable? use of alternative energy sources -- especially natural gas and nuclear.	
19. Nuclear Energy	What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why? I support it as cost effective, clean and safe. we need to make sure nuclear waste is processed/disposed safely.	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Pesticides**

Comments: continue the ban to high schools and public parks etc.

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Candidate:	Fred Camillo	Running for:	House	District	151	Party:	Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Not sure what the question is asking here.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This issue has people of good will on both sides. A lot of "green" builders, people who are doing the right thing, are against this. I need to see more information before I go forward.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: There is no way around it, we need to promote mass transit and make it more attractive to people. In other words, comfort, accessibility, and affordability will be key. Regarding the last component, I still like corporate sponsorship of rails and possibly bus lines as a way to lower the cost to the commuter.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: No more taxes! We pay enough. I have advocated from day one that we can fund green initiatives through prioritization. We are losing jobs and people due to high taxes (I receive copies of emails forwarded from business owners in my town that come from states like GA and NC. I often wonder why anyone who can move operations south stay here!). I have yet to see a community vote to raise its own taxes in this economy.</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Voted for this and am anxious to continue legislation to make products safer.</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As with other questions, I say "support" with the provision that I need to see how we are structuring the requirements. I do believe there are ways to fund worthwhile initiatives without raising taxes. We did one such funding (seat belts on school buses) on the Transportation Committee with out of the box thinking (revenue raised by raising fee to reinstate suspended licenses from \$125 to \$175. That extra \$50, combined with each municipality having the choice to implement program--no mandate--won it unanimous support in both houses!). In the end, no new taxes were raised to fund an important initiative. I would like to see that done a lot in the Environment Committee.</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Again, this had bi-partisan support and was supported by environmentalists who are also in business. If we keep ignoring small business, we will push our recovery out several more years, an option the public does not want.</p>	Uncertain
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This can be very forward thinking and cost effective. I would love to work on an initiative for this.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is tricky...we need to allow people and business to do business here in a timely manner. However, we also need to make sure any circumventing of public protections in place does not occur. In the end, common sense must prevail, not single-minded ideologues on both sides.</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The question needs to be more clear. Are we talking a move toward county government, which we abolished here in 1960? If so, I oppose that extra layer of taxation. That has crippled NYS.</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut’s landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a former Chairman of the Greenwich Parks & Recreation Board, this is something I care about. Nevertheless, legitimate concerns raised need to be vetted when brought out.</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Private property rights are sacred in our country. It was one of the reasons I did not like the Right To Dry bill (overturning local authority of condo owners).</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut’s energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Require different agencies and departments to work together and not act so territorial; Promote mass transit through corporate sponsorship to lower costs; Encourage smart growth; Make recruitment of alternative energy companies a PRIORITY, and not just talk about it. I am on the Clean Energy Caucus and really want to see us meet regularly with business, environmentalists, and government leaders and work together on legislation. We did this on our recycling bill that was passed into law in 2010....we got the input of small business, environmentalists, legislators, and government regulators and in the end, we had a bill everyone approved of that expanded recycling efforts here in CT!</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I would focus on other forms like wind, solar, fuel cell, geo-thermal, and even natural gas. The East Coast is wide open and right now, NJ, PA, MD, and even NY and MA are beating us to the punch!</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: Bringing green jobs to CT through aggressive pursuit of alternative energy companies through use of tax incentives. We need to see windmills on the highways, solar legislation using SRECS and Feed in Tariffs, and various other forms of alternative energies (e.g. fuel cells, geo-thermal. etc...). I am preparing to start working on a solar energy bill after a tour of a facility in NY in June.

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Candidate:	John Fonfara	Running for:	Senate	District	1	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	Yes				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Strong supporter of farmland, open space, and historic preservation. People who live in cities need our state to preserve its agricultural, rural, open space environments as much as anyone. Reducing suburban and rural development increases demand and opportunity for reinvestment in our cities. The nearly unabated growth in Connecticut's rural areas has encouraged the flight of wealth from our urban centers. The consequence of this unchecked development has not only hurt our state and its pastoral character but it has led to the concentration of poverty in many of our cities.</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As co-chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, I will be a leader in the fight to restore CEEF funding to 100% in the 2011 budget. Reducing our investment in energy efficiency services and education will cost CT residents more in the long term.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>Candidate Comments: Again, in my role as co-chair of the Energy Committee, I will lead the fight to preserve this funding.</p>	
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Residents of urban areas such as Hartford already suffer the effects of higher air pollution, causing increased rates of asthma and upper respiratory infections. It is imperative that we protect and improve both our water supply and our air quality.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support this effort. Specifically, I worked with my colleagues in the Wethersfield legislative delegation and the MDC to ensure that a component of the massive sewer separation project now underway in Hartford would eliminate the Wethersfield Cove as a overflow point for raw sewage on rainy days. Progress has already been made in the schedule to permanently and completely remove the Cove from the overflow system.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Although I am not on the Transportation Committee, I strongly support all efforts to shift funding to transit projects. I am hoping that we will elect a governor who gets this and finally ends the "highway only" mindset at the DOT.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As Vice Chair of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, I would support</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	this initiative. Municipalities need a dependable source of revenue outside of property taxes that would allow them to increase their efforts in these important areas.	
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children’s products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have voted for legislation the past two years to get harmful chemicals out of children's toys and other consumer products, and to support a Chemical Innovations Institute. I will continue to support similar initiatives to remove known toxins from the ma</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund’s grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As co-chair of the energy committee, I look forward to playing a constructive role in discussions about how to encourage more hydro power generation in Connecticut while adhering to the standards of the Low Impact Hydropower Institute.</p>	Lead
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut’s existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I oppose any weakening of our environmental laws. Today, we are benefiting from the leadership of those who stood strong 30 and 40 years ago. I believe good environmental policy seeks to identify approaches to clean and keep clean our water, air, and land in a way, when possible, that supports economic growth. These two objectives need not be at odds. Too often, advocates on each side fail to seek solutions that achieve a desired environmental goal but also support a positive economic environment. There will always be those who will seek to circumvent and dismantle the policies that they believe harm their business opportunity and I will never support those efforts. But sustainable and positive environmental policies work best when they are supported and accepted by a large majority and not only tolerated until given an opportunity by some to curtail or eliminate them.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support incentives that align individual town needs with that of our state, as a whole. However, as I say below with respect to property tax reform, until we have a governor who will make these issues a priority, we will make only limited progress, despite the efforts of committed legislators and advocates.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As chair of the Planning and Development Committee, I proposed reducing our reliance on the property tax by shifting significantly municipal revenue needs to the income tax and capping (with exceptions) property tax increases. The proposal had little supp</p>	<p>Lead</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut’s landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have been a strong supporter and I will continue to be so.</p>	<p>Support</p>
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut’s energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>The passage into law of the energy bill this year would have taken significant steps toward making our energy policy more sustainable. The bill called for significant investments to help build a sustainable solar industry in Connecticut, along with investments in wind, hydro and other renewable opportunities. It established a long term financing program for inefficient boiler and furnace replacement. This component would allow residential and commercial consumers to replace their boiler or furnace with a high efficiency unit without having to reach into their savings to afford it. In addition, the proposal challenged the status quo that regulators should only focus on “keeping the lights on” at all costs. We required regulators to identify ways to lower rates by 15% by 2012 and to determine if the rule that pays the cleanest, most efficient power plants the same as the least efficient, costly, and dirtiest plants is serving the interests of Connecticut ratepayers. The bill reorganized the DPUC to bring the many disparate elements with energy responsibilities under one roof and established a new division to oversee conservation, renewable, and electricity purchasing responsibilities, as well as establishing a research unit to support innovation by Connecticut entrepreneurs with renewable and energy efficiency proposals. In short, the bill struck a balance between investing in our future by strongly encouraging Connecticut based renewable investments, particularly in the solar industry, with seeking ways to lower electric rates for Connecticut ratepayers. The early passage of this bill in the 2011 legislative session will bring measurable benefits to ratepayers, to our economy, and to our environment.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>My answer to this question is the same for all types of electric generation and generation fuel sources: we must perform a comprehensive cost/benefit analysis of building new generation over investing in conservation and energy efficiency programs. As chair of the Energy and Technology committee, I helped lead the effort to pass legislation in 2005 and 2007 which reduced our need for central station power plants. The bill that the governor vetoed this year would have advanced Connecticut even further in that regard. We can, and if the current leadership of the committee is back next year, we will do much more. In past years, I have included in legislation a study of carbon free generation sources that Connecticut might consider as the unavoidable need for new generation arises. The study, which did not go forward when the legislation died, did not specify the type of carbon-free options that the group should consider.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) Candidate did not complete this question.**

Comments:

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Candidate:	Gary LeBeau	Running for:	Senate	District	3	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I know that additional support is needed and would be one of my priorities. However, it is important to stress that we are in very difficult economic times and it is uncertain that there will be additional funds available.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support the program but, given the tough economic times, the program may need to be reduced slightly along with other programs.</p>	Uncertain
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It may take a couple of years to restore these funds. I am uncomfortable using ratepayer funds for budget balancing purposes, especially because I strongly support funding alternative energy and energy conservation programs. I fought this transfer but unfortunately, the budget crisis made such transfer necessary.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support the program and have fought attempts to take funds but, given the tough</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	economic times, the program may need to be reduced slightly along with other programs	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support efforts to reduce harmful runoff but am concerned about the impact on property owners who own land along such rivers. I would need to see more details.</p>	Uncertain
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I proposed and fought for legislation to require streets to be constructed or improved in a manner which would allow for bikeways. I also supported additional funds for improvements for our railway system, eg. Shoreline East, MetroNorth and the M-80 cars.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It is great to have Connecticut be a leader on this issue but am concerned about the availability of adequate funding and the potential for overlap with the federal government initiatives.</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support existing standards but need to implement those standards and permit processes more efficiently as the DEP is currently doing.</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have been a longtime supporter of using brownfields rather than green fields.</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We may need to look at integrated pest management and other alternatives that reduce the use of pesticides in most circumstances.</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>The electricity reform legislation that was passed but vetoed by the Governor sets the proper goals for more and efficiently implemented conservation and renewable energy programs. As Commerce committee chair, I strongly supported these aspects of the legislation.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>We should study expanding nuclear power production only at the existing facility and only if there can be a safe and secure method of storing spent fuel rods.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Energy**

Comments: I have been a strong advocate for additional incentives for clean energy as Commerce committee chair, working with the Energy Committee co-chairs on energy sources such as hydro, fuel cells, and wind power.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Beth Bye	Running for: Senate	District 5	Party: Democrat
Mailing Address: 99 Outlook Ave, West Hartford, CT 006119	Phone: 860 231 9836	Email: bethbye@aol.com	
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have been active in Bike Walk CT legislative initiatives. I strongly believe we need more of a focus on Mass Transit.</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Having served locally, I know how local officials do not have the funds to work on issues like this because they cannot generate revenues.</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe I have been a leader on these issues in my tenure in the House, as the lead proponent on BPA legislation.</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I think CT needs to continue to invest in sustainable sources of energy. We are a state that leads the nation with our manufacturing capacity for fuel cells. We are not the ideal state for solar, so I don not think that we should look toward that as an important source of our energy supply. I believe we can do a much better job at promoting conservation. This is an often ignored tool to help with our energy needs. As a state we can do better in our own buildings. For example. some DOT garages could save significant energy</p>	

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	and dollars by simply replacing lighting. Yet, as a state we only re-do buildings on a 10 year schedule -- even when savings like this are viable. I am not an expert on energy in the legislature, but I believe the energy bill -- though with compromises that were not perfect -- would have improved the energy access/costs/conservation situation in CT.	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I need further information to answer this question. I have serious concerns about the waste product from nuclear energy - and have opposed it. I am deeply concerned about coal and oil. My preference is to stick with renewables and conserve, but I am realistic enough to know that reducing our personal energy needs is not in the average CT resident's mindset. So the energy demands will continue.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Toxics**

Comments: I will work on toxics by trying to develop a policy that is more systematic in toxic analyses. I have a deep belief that many of our public health issues (breast cancer, autism, asthma...) are linked to environmental/toxics issues. I will work with committee chairs, advocates and lobbyists to develop legislation that allows CT to evaluate toxins from a risk perspective instead of a case by case political process of limiting use in CT. We introduced a bill on 2010 that did not make it, but I will continue to pursue this in the next session.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Donald DeFronzo	Running for:	Senate	District	6	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	9 Bedford St., New Britain, CT 006051	Phone:	860-224-8807	Email:	defronz@sbcglobal.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Must be accomplished within tight budget year.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I opposed this in my budget vote, but unless the economy rebounds, it may be hard to reverse.</p>	Uncertain
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Will support with reasonable waivers. There needs to be a better dialogue between environmental interests and builders.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As chair on the Transportation Committee I have helped shift focus to mass transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian. More resources are being devoted to expanded mass transit on Shore Line East, Metro North and New Haven to Springfield. New transit buses, new parking facilities and new and improved rail stations.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: With certain restrictions and limits I could support this option.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I need more information in this area.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The most consistent complaint I hear from from small and mid sized business is the difficulty encountered with DEP regulations and administration. This years compromise was a good one.I don't think we should apologize for protective environmental legislation, but it must be time sensitive, practice and balanced.</p>	<p>Support</p>
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Tens of millions of dollars in state bonds have been authorized for capital investment in energy conservation, development of green technology and efficient alternative energy systems. We need to begin to excess these funds to stimulate growth while addressing</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	our eneregy policy goals. The goals identified by Dan Malloy as a candidate for governor are ambitious but realistic.	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Connecticut is far too densely populated to contemplate expansion here.This may be better dealt with at the federal level.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: As chair of the Transportation Committee and chair of the Bonding Sub Committee I am well positioned to advance this agenda.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Dominic Mazzoccoli	Running for:	Senate	District	9	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	10 Knoll Lane, Rocky Hill, CT 006067	Phone:	860-305-8645	Email:	mlc06111@yahoo.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Given the economic climate we need to focus on job creation an economic recovery.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I support alternative energy sources such as solar, fuel cells and natural gas. I additional energy conservation and improved energy efficiency.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I currently support developing options that include expansion of nuclear power sources.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments:

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Martin Looney	Running for:	Senate	District	11	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	132 Forey Hale Road, New Haven, CT 006512	Phone:	203-468-8829	Email:	mmlooney@sbcglobal.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	Lead
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>We need strong leadership from an enlightened Governor.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>We need to study this issue. It is not a realistic option in the near future.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Other - Is there a different significant environmental issue confronting your constituency? (please specify) Regional Collaboration**

Comments: We must create a more regional school district, public safety agencies, and land use/economic development planning capacity.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Edward Meyer	Running for:	Senate	District	12	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	407 Mulberry Point Road, Guilford, CT 006437	Phone:	203-458-2656	Email:	edmeyer@snet.net		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is my highest priority.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: \$5 million reduction this year was a major mistake.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I voted against this cut.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I sponsored the buffer bill.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am a strong advocate of mass transit over highways.</p>	<p>Support</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have consistently voted for the conveyance tax.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have lead and sponsored our legislation on toxic chemicals.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support high environment standards and improving DEP's permit processing.</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The General Assembly has preached but not practiced Smart Growth!</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: My bill gives our municipalities new options in raising local revenue, but the Revenue Committee fails to raise it.</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have been the prime sponsor of this legislation.</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is the next step.</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Elect a pro-renewable energy Governor.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I support expanding nuclear energy which is clean and cost efficient.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **DEP Operations**

Comments: Urgently, DEP needs to be adequately staffed and re-organized with an accomplished pro-environment leader/commissioner chosen by a national search.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: John Barry	Running for: Senate	District 16	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Throughout my public service career in Southington, I have successfully advocated for critical environmental policies such as the preservation of open space, while still maintaining a fiscally responsible reputation. As a former member of Southington's Open-Space committee, I worked to acquire and preserve valuable farmland and acquire open space. I plan to bring this experience to Hartford and advocate for a budget that meets Connecticut's financial needs while upholding our responsibility to our environment.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: While serving on Southington's Planning and Zoning Commission, I took a leadership role in the effort to enact one of the toughest ridgeline protection regulations in the State of Connecticut. This reform has been successful in Southington, and I would like to see similar policies adopted throughout the state in order to protect our state's valuable waterways.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: If the recent crisis in the Gulf of Mexico taught us anything, it is that deregulation does not save the state money. Instead it opens us up to disasters that cost taxpayers money, jobs, and endanger their environment.</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>The first step to creating a more responsible energy policy in Connecticut will be to increase our use of renewable energy sources. As a member of the State Senate, I will work to ensure that wind turbines, solar panels, and other sustainable energy sources become more widely used throughout the state. I also believe that it is incumbent upon the state to encourage municipalities and private property owners to make environmentally friendly, "green," decisions regarding development and energy use.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I can't claim to be much of an expert on nuclear energy, and would need to know more before making a decision.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development**

Comments: As a State Senator, I will work to ensure that Smart Growth Plans have the support of the legislature and encourage responsible environmental practices throughout the state. I would be happy to speak on the behalf of this policy, and do whatever is necessary to ensure that it is enacted.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Tamath Rossi	Running for:	Senate	District	17	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	100 General Patton Drive, Naugatuck, CT 006770	Phone:	201-910-5998	Email:	tamathkrossi@yahoo.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Due to the current economic climate, I would want to get the state's financial house in order and have an opportunity to be assured the DEP is operating efficiently before adding to their budget.</p>	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: While I support the environment I would hold the Agency accountable to their budget</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am open to restoring funding when the economic situation improves and would seek for an opportunity to replenish the fund at that time.</p>	Uncertain
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe that local municipalities need to reserve decision for what they will do with the funds and do not agree with unnecessary state mandates placed on these municipalities but would support municipalities that chose to utilize these funds in this manner.</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would want to assess this as new technological information becomes available.</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will continue to support Connecticut's efforts to be a leader in environmental stewardship</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I support this process to the extent that additional red tape does not discourage transfer of private property for safe environmental use</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>I believe an undertaking to expand on existing programs promoting Connecticut's energy policy including the green effort in weatherization and tax exemptions for fuel efficient cars is critical. In addition I believe we need to require more energy sold in state to come from renewable energy sources.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>To the extent that Nuclear Energy is proven to be a safe alternative source of clean energy, I would consider the expansion of nuclear sources.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Property Tax Reform**

Comments:

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Andrea Stillman	Running for:	Senate	District	20	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I voted several years ago for the policy that allows nursing homes, who receive pills in blister packs to return them if the patient no longer takes the drug or no longer resides there. That</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	has been helpful in reducing the disposal into the waterways, etc. I know we need to do more and I am willing to work on that in the next session.	
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe more work needs to be done on this issue and that there needs to be some negotiation with the builders organizations and the municipalities.</p>	Uncertain
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have been instrumental in increasing the number of Shoreline East trains into New London and have been very supportive of increased funding in the legislature.</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Due to the increase in the conveyance tax on sales of homes, revenue to help municipalities and the state, this is a very tough issue. It takes on the same tone to the realtors and they will continue to oppose it. There has to be a strong support from CCM to help this along</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I was the Senate chair of the Environment Committee when the first law was passed, continued to work on it since then and will continue to do so.</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>First of all we need a Governor that introduces an energy policy and advocates for the issue. We need to encourage more solar, wind and other alternatives, and reinstate the programs we sacrificed due to the budget crisis. All states need some guidance from the federal government as well that can help us sustain a policy. We can give incentives through programs, but I am concerned, in this economic climate, that more tax credits could be too costly for the state. It is also about creating those green jobs we talk about and growing our economy.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Since I live in Waterford, about 1 mile from the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant, my opinion is closer to home. I believe safe nuclear can be part of our enegy mix, but I do not believe a plant will be built in Connecticut in the near future. I grew up opposing it, but I have come to live with it, and it has been a rocky road at times over the past 10 years. It creates good jobs, does not pollute the air the way fossil fuels do; but until there is a permanent repository for the high level waste, or a recycling of the waste, which they do in Europe, it will be very difficult to support the building of new plants. We have to be vigilant about keeping our existing plants safe and secure.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **DEP Operations**

Comments: We need a fully functioning DEP and that can happen with the right leadership from the Governor's office and through the legislative process, especially the budget.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Jim Miron	Running for: Senate	District 21	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: A strong DEP is necessary to fulfill our obligation to present and future generations to improve our environment and leave it better off than we found it.</p>	Lead
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: CIA is critical in protecting our local environment, improving our community, and ensuring that Connecticut maintains and enhances its agricultural base and promotes the purchase of products grown locally.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This is a shortsighted budget cut that must be restored. This investment will have a medium and long term return far greater than its short term cost to the state.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Under my leadership as the Mayor of Stratford, the town won an award from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund for the steps we took to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases our municipality produced. This fund is critical in encouraging investment in, and</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The state government must play a strong role in protecting the environment and our communities from socially irresponsible actions taken by the private sector.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: These buffers will protect our state's ecosystem, improve our water supply, and maintain and enhance a critical aspect (the Sound, other waterways, and our natural environment more generally) of our local economy.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Connecticut must change its priorities and invest more in mass transit, greenways and multi-modal transportation in order to accelerate our transformation to a green economy and encourage our state's residents to live a more sustainable and healthy lifestyle.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Lead</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a former Mayor, I understand firsthand the budget difficulties that municipalities face. I support the effort to give municipalities the option to collect a real estate transfer fee in order to help improve the environment and infrastructure of their community.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must do whatever we can to protect our children and our families from harmful</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	chemicals.	
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must do all we can to ensure that hydropower (and other) facilities have as little adverse impact on our environment as possible.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The choice between a cleaner, better environment and a strong economy is a false one. If we want a strong, green economy and healthy communities, we must preserve and enhance our natural environment.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We should create as many incentives as possible for municipalities to follow smart growth principles.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must ensure that land that was previously owned by the state remain protected after its transfer.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a former Mayor, I understand firsthand the negative impact the overreliance on property taxes has on municipal budgets, as well as the local community, economy, and environment. This reform effort should include ensuring that all municipalities receive</p>	<p>Lead</p>
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p>	<p>Lead</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	<p>Candidate Comments: We must do all we can to protect our children from toxic chemicals, particularly those that are used only for cosmetic purposes.</p>	
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a former Mayor, I have a unique understanding of the limits imposed on municipalities. We should allow local governments to pass laws to control the use of pesticides on private lands.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Connecticut's energy policy could be made more sustainable by reducing demand for energy and making the energy we do use cleaner and from renewable sources. Some steps we can take are: Create more incentives for families to weatherize their home, allow municipalities to bond for property assessed clean energy (PACE) loans to homes and businesses, preserve and expand farmlands in CT and encourage the creation of more community gardens so more people purchase and eat food grown and raised locally, invest more in mass transportation and bicycle and pedestrian projects, have a greater focus on transit oriented development, and increase investment in clean, renewable energy.</p>	
<p>19. Nuclear Energy</p>	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I oppose it. Nuclear power is neither clean nor renewable. Nuclear power plants create waste and represent a real potential danger to nearby communities.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development**

Comments: Smart growth contains many of the other issues in this section, such as clean energy & energy efficiency funding, property tax reform, regional collaboration, and transportation & mass transit. If done properly, it can transform and build Connecticut's economy, while also creating a better, cleaner environment and improved communities and public health. As Mayor of Stratford, I supported smart growth policies. Under my leadership, the town won an award from the CT Clean Energy Fund, successfully secured a grant from the Tri-State Transportation Campaign for transit-oriented development, moved forward on the creation of a town greenway, and created a community gardens. As State Senator, I will fight to increase funding for mass transit, as well as bicycle and pedestrian projects, the preservation and enhancement of



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Connecticut farmland, and investment in clean energy and energy efficiency. In order to realistically implement this strategy, however, we need to reduce municipalities' reliance on property taxes so there is not a financial incentive to develop at any cost.

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Candidate:	Alice Hutchinson	Running for:	Senate	District	24	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the Bethel planning and Zoning Commission for 16 years, I worked on a Comprehensive Plan of Development that included a provision for Open Space preservation. A revision to 8-30G would lessen the impact of overbuilding, and decrease the impact on our municipal sewer and water use due to over crowding. Bethel's Open Space provision allows for payment in leu of open space- but those funds are required to be used to purchase other lands and preserve them. The state can help others achieve similar goals.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Other than bridge repair and upgrade (much of it very necessary) I fully support Mass Transit solutions in the State of Connecticut. I was on CCM's Transportation Task Force when I was First Selectman of Bethel- and we promoted the upgrade of the rail cars. I do think the State can help bike and pedestrian legislation by creating enabling legislation for the municipalities to adopt.</p>	<p>Support</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

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11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: If given the opportunity, I would take the lead on this issue. With 16 years on Planning and Zoning pushing for Smart Growth initiatives, this is right in line with my core beliefs.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Private ownership of land makes this a tricky question. Although I strongly support</p>	Uncertain

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	the limiting or elimination of pesticide use, the solution may be to raise fees (a tax, perhaps) on non-organic or natural products used on lawns. Our water supply deserves a thorough examination of the lengths to which we can go to protect this valuable resource. I said uncertain- not because I am uncertain that I would support such a measure, but that I am uncertain of it's legality at the present time.	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Although I realize that Connecticut has just implemented Climate Change Initiatives. I would seek to strengthen them and pledge to be vigilant with respect to their enforcement.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am inclined to oppose the expansion of nuclear energy until there is a safe way to dispose of the waste.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development**

Comments: With my background and interest, I feel I can be most useful in promoting Smart growth initiatives. Along with a modification to CGS 8-30G to allow for municipalities to have greater control over their density, Smart Growth planning allows for community-based development that can work toward sustainability. This is a subject I am passionate about and would hope to take a leadership position on.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Michael McLachlan	Running for:	Senate	District	24	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	PO Box 2133, Danbury, CT 006813	Phone:	203-743-3147	Email:	Michael@SenatorMcLachlan.US		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I am concerned about inefficiency at all levels of Connecticut state government. Once DEP clearly presents they have employed best practices in operations and becomes more customer-friendly then I will consider supporting restoration of of general operating funds.</p>	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund is part of the bigger debate on energy. SB493 was a misguided, expensive expansion of government at a time we can't fund existing programs. CEEF is a good program but must be incorporated into a sensible energy bill in the next legislative session. Please read my blog for more comments on this issue: http://senatormclachlan.blogspot.com/2010/06/energy-bill-deserved-governors-veto.html</p>	Uncertain
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: See item #3 response.</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: The existing real estate conveyance tax must be eliminated or dramatically reduced before I can consider any new taxes.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Far too general statement here. I will study each proposal and vote on the merits of such proposals.</p>	Uncertain
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Many good ideas in "Blue Ribbon Commission" reports gathering dust on shelves. I participated in the Blue Ribbon Commission on Housing and Economic Development that offered many good ideas. Property tax reform is a good idea as long as the changes don't e</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p>	Oppose

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Please read my blog for more comments on this issue: http://senatormclachlan.blogspot.com/2010/06/energy-bill-deserved-governors-veto.html</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>Support. Cleanest, most efficient energy source currently available. I would consider limiting nuclear expansion to only replace existing facilities.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: I strongly support the expansion of passenger rail service from Danbury to New Milford. Employing existing rail lines this project is one of the most cost-effective mass transit projects in New England.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	John Hartwell	Running for:	Senate	District	26	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	35 Beachside Avenue, Westport, CT 006880	Phone:	203-216-1425	Email:	johnhartwell@gmail.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: With a projected \$3.3 billion shortfall next fiscal year, all spending questions are contingent upon finding other cuts to the budget or sources of revenue to support them. The DEP and all other governmental agencies must demonstrate a positive return on each dollar invested.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: At this time I would be more interested in supporting brownfield remediation as it is more likely to bring urban parcels back into economic use and create jobs. Open space acquisition is a good goal, but in this economic environment I wouldn't support borrowing to achieve it.</p>	Uncertain
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: A commitment was made when this surcharge was instituted which should be honored. In addition, the investment has a very positive return. This is a program I will work hard to restore and protect.</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>5. Medical Waste Disposal</p>	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a board member of Earthplace in Westport and an active participant in the Harbor Watch/River Watch monitoring program for the Aspetuck River, I am acutely aware of the issue of medical and pharmaceutical waste in our waterways. We need a comprehensive system to capture and dispose of these materials in an environmentally responsible way though consumer education and regulated collection points.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>6. Riverfront Protection</p>	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Non-point source pollution is a huge problem and we must look at regulations that will re-establish natural buffers.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>7. Transportation & Mass Transit</p>	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As a member of the Metro North Rail Commuter Council, I play an active role in promoting mass transportation solutions. I strongly support commuter rail between New Haven and Springfield, and upgrading and extending the Danbury line to New Milford. In addition I would advocate for sharply increased parking facilities along the main line to reduce/eliminate waiting periods for permits.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>8. Inland Wetlands</p>	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>9. Community Green Fund</p>	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: If local communities want to tax themselves to undertake environmental projects, I would support giving them the authority and tools to do so.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>10. Toxics</p>	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	
<p>11. Hydropower</p>	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I belong to 1000 Friends of Connecticut and am a strong proponent of Smart Growth principles.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I helped found a water quality action group in Westport last year which developed a "GreenScapes" project (www.greenscapesaction.org) to advocate for eliminating pesticides and</p>	<p>Lead</p>

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	commercial fertilizers from residential properties. I strongly support the le	
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Towns must have the right to legislate tougher standards for local communities.</p>	Lead
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>We have some of the highest electric rates in the country. We must look at any means possible to bring down costs as it's a major drag on getting our economic house in order.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I believe we need to look carefully at nuclear energy if we want to move away from carbon-based fuel systems. France produces nearly 80% of its electricity through nuclear power plants. It must be an option for us as well.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: I will ask for assignments on both the Transportation and Environment committees. On transportation the emphasis will be on supporting rail and train station parking. On Environment my focus would be on various water quality issues -- medical waste, buffers, allowing local communities to tax themselves and write tougher regulations.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Toni Boucher	Running for:	Senate	District	26	Party:	Republican
Mailing Address:	5 Wicks End Lane, Wilton, CT, CT 006897	Phone:	203-762-3232	Email:	toniboucher@aol.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I will lead once we balance our state budget as DEP and Connecticut's environment are critical to the overall health of our state and its economy. People live here because Connecticut is a beautiful state. It precious resources and environmental assets such as its dwindling farmlands must be preserved and protected as they are constantly being threaten by polluting hazards and overdevelopment.</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: If reelected, I will continue to lead in this area as a ranking member of the Transportation Committee. Mass transit and TOD have been a passion of mine since entering the political arena. I have played a major role in preserving the Norwalk to Danbury Branch line, Stopping a Super 7 highway from being built, adding 30 million dollars to Branch line CTC project , adding more trains to the main line and promoting changes to increase pedestrian and bike access.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	<p>Support</p>
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: This answer depends on the language being proposed. As a rule, I do not support weakening environmental standards at all but I have learned to read the language carefully before making a final decision on these matters</p>	Uncertain
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Not familiar with this issue as I am not on the environment committee but will be willing to learn about in my desire to support it. Environmental Impact Evaluation, public review, alternative land use options, protection of natural, archeological and cultural resources, and mitigation of adverse impacts to these resources are all important factors to be considered in the transfer of any property.</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Tax policy is extreme important and has far reaching implications for Connecticut's future. If reelected, I will study all sides of the issue and hope to play a major role in shaping this policy as a member of the Finance Revenue and Bonding committee</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Energy: Addressing our energy challenges will require strong leadership across a broad spectrum of areas. It will require elected officials to work together, across party lines, to develop and implement effective energy policy. It will also require neighboring states to come together to create comprehensive regional energy strategies. Energy now: While new technology is exciting, the energy challenges facing our state are complex. It will require a comprehensive set of integrated short and long-term actions to reduce energy costs by increasing supply and reducing demand. • Promote widespread adoption of alternative energy, renewables and distributed generation . • Several Connecticut corporations are recognized leaders in fuel cell and solar technologies and we have supported their industry. Their success and growth over the next several years provides an opportunity to bring new "green" jobs to our region. • Sales tax and car property tax relief – Tax relief for fuel efficient cars, furnaces, appliances and other energy efficient products. Citizen ideas- 1. tax assessment should NOT go up when solar or other improvement are made to save energy 2. offer tax reductions for fuel efficient cars or home heating equipment or furnaces 3. Property tax reductions or sales tax exemption for the same • Energy Conservation Support – Funding to support the replacement of inefficient lighting and heating systems across schools and town facilities throughout our state. • Take responsibility of our conservation programs to make sure they are being done • Analyze the benefit of creating a Ct Department of Energy • Energy assistance to the elderly and low-income families.- done Priorities for the Next Decade • Diversify away from oil and natural gas and invest in alternative sources of energy that are both sustainable and environmentally friendly. • Financial Incentives for businesses and consumers that invest in clean energy such as Solar, Hydroelectric, Fuel Cell, Wind, Tidal and facilitate more distributed generation • Green Transportation-CT needs to significantly improve our mass transit capabilities. • Green Building Standards – Develop incentives to extend these standards to all new buildings. • Education- Invest in green technology talent and research. • Create Green Industries- Facilitate technology transfer for commercialization. In summary, I will work to increase incentives for businesses exploring alternative and renewable energy technologies; and to provide financial incentives for consumers to adopt these technologies in their homes, businesses and vehicles. I will encourage universities to focus on green technology talent and research. The state must also take greater responsibility for conservation programs and implement a comprehensive state energy policy. By putting our country's energy needs on the front burner, we will not only help our economy, our environment and our health and safety but we will build a strong future for our children.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I am undecided on whether Connecticut should move in this direction. We must weigh benefits versus negatives, partially safety and waste issues. My priority would be to continue to support all other alternatives that are feasible while looking into area.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments: I am very encouraged by steps we have taken to improve the future of mass transportation in our state. Recently, I joined Governor M. Jodi Rell, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, state Transportation Commissioner Joseph Marie and members of Connecticut's congressional delegation to discuss high speed rail in the northeast, and to promote proposed improvements to commuter rail service to New Haven, Hartford, and Springfield, Mass., along with other state rail and bus projects. A regional approach to mass transit will keep Connecticut at the top of the federal priorities list. Updating Connecticut's railroad and bus systems is key to fostering a healthy regional, economy that will attract new businesses and lead to new jobs. Fortunately, our state and national leaders understand this, and are committed to working together. As the leading Republican senator on the General Assembly's Transportation Committee, I will continue to work in a bipartisan manner to keep this progress going by helping to shift more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects including bus, rail and light-rail. I would also like to share some excellent developments for our region. First, the long-awaited widening and improvements to Route 7 in Wilton have been completed and I successfully removed all language from state statute that restricted DOT owned land for the construction of a Super 7 highway. Secondly, funding is now in place for long-awaited improvements to our mass transit system, including the Danbury Branch Line signalization. Both of these projects, which I have championed since saving the Norwalk to Danbury Branchline from permanent closure in 1997, will greatly enhance our quality of life and benefit our regional economy.

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Candidate:	Andrew McDonald	Running for:	Senate	District	27	Party:	Democrat
Mailing Address:	23 Pierce Place, Stamford, CT 006906	Phone:	203-348-7439	Email:	amcdonald@pullcom.com		
Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: While generally supportive of this objective, I cannot commit unconditionally to it until I see what the financial situation is going to be like in January. Restoring the levels of support is the goal ultimately.</p>	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: It was a horrible choice, and needs to be reversed as soon as possible.</p>	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments:	
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Uncertain</p>	Uncertain
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I could support it if it was a local option only.</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
12. Rollbacks and	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
<p>Waivers on Environmental Standards</p>	<p>environmental laws and regulations? Candidate Comments:</p>	
<p>13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development</p>	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions? Candidate Comments: This is key to almost every area of importance to my district -- transportation, economic development and the environment.</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>14. Annual Land Transfer Act</p>	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>15. Property Tax Reform</p>	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<p>16. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers? Candidate Comments:</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>17. Pesticides</p>	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries? Candidate Comments: This only makes sense if the state has made a determination on a scientific basis what pesticides should be considered by the municipality.</p>	<p>Uncertain</p>
<p>18. Energy Policy</p>	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable? Conservation, first and foremost. Starting with State and local governments. Renewable energy, obviously, needs to be a priority and incentives to redistribute loads to low volume portions of the day. Energy start ups need economic incentives to thrive.</p>	

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I really don't know enough about it, other than what I have read in the media. I'm told it is one of the safest forms of energy to produce, and certainly diminishes reliance on fossil fuels, which is good. But lingering doubts or misunderstandings about safety and disposal of spent fuel rods really would have to be addressed first through education before any projects could move forward. I'm open to learning more.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development**

Comments: I've demonstrated this leadership consistently over 8 years as a member of the Transportation Committee and on the Finance Committee, and have used the opportunities given me as co chair of the Judiciary Committee to push smart growth wherever possible. We've done it in Stamford with the TIF district in the Southend redeveloping a 40 acre brownfield area near the Stamford Transportation Center, and pushing for CHFA tax credits for the building of LEAD certified affordable housing less than a block from the transportation center. We are also trying to cluster new environmentally friendly buildings near transportation intermodal hubs to encourage more use of mass transit.

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Tom Colapietro	Running for: Senate	District 31	Party: Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Support
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Support
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Incentives work and more Education on energy policies available</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I do not support nukes they are unsafe and unhealthy for the Human race.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Funding**

Comments: I have many priorities and will lead whn individual items come before me. I cannot champion (lead) them all

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate: Jason Welch	Running for: Senate	District 31	Party: Republican
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund? Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election? No		

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels? Candidate Comments:	Uncertain
2. Community Investment Act	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels? Candidate Comments:	Uncertain
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years? Candidate Comments:	Support
4. Clean Energy Fund	What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund? Candidate Comments:	Uncertain
5. Medical Waste Disposal	What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways? Candidate Comments:	Support

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Lead
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
Standards		
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Uncertain
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments:</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>Improve our transmission capabilities within the state.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I support the use of nuclear energy as a clean and inexpensive energy source. Whether more nuclear power in Connecticut makes sense given our dense population and limited resources to support the same is unclear to me.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Transportation & Mass Transit**

Comments:

2010 Candidate Survey



Candidate:	Susan Eastwood	Running for:	Senate	District	35	Party:	Democrat
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Enrolled in Citizen's Election Fund?	Yes	Are you on the ballot in a primary election?	No				

Part 1: If elected, what position do you expect to take on the following environmental issues?

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Question</i>	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
1. DEP Operations	<p>What role will you play in restoring DEP's general operating funds to previous levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Without adequate funding, the DEP has no ability to carry out its important mission of protecting the environment of CT. Continued cuts are a short-sighted way of saving the state money, which may cost more in the long run when we must clean up environmental hazards that could have been prevented with adequate enforcement of existing DEP regulations</p>	Support
2. Community Investment Act	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated CIA funding levels?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: CIA funds are a wonderful investment in improving quality of life and environmental health in CT. It also helps to keep working farms alive which is key to the economy and character of our state.</p>	Lead
3. Energy Efficiency Fund	<p>What role will you play in restoring the \$28.7 million per year that is slated to be taken from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for eight years?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: As Chair of the Ashford Clean Energy Task Force, this issue is very important to me. I have worked as a grassroots advocate to preserve this funding and will continue to make this a focus as a legislator</p>	Lead
4. Clean Energy Fund	<p>What role will you play to maintain current dedicated funding levels for the clean energy fund?</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	Candidate Comments: Arial	
5. Medical Waste Disposal	<p>What role will you play in regulating or otherwise controlling the disposal of excess or expired pharmaceuticals to protect our waterways?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Hormone disruptors have been found in many water supplies and have been linked to mutations in fish and amphibians. Medical waste is a likely source of these dangerous chemicals in our water. I would strongly support legislation to control disposal of pharmaceuticals, perhaps drop off centers located at medical facilities would be one way to make it easy for individuals to dispose of old drugs.</p>	Lead
6. Riverfront Protection	<p>What role will you play on a statewide system of protective vegetated buffers along the state's rivers and streams (with exemptions for built up areas and agriculture)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Vegetative buffers along rivers prevent environmental damage and expensive fixes later, as well as providing towns with open space and recreational areas. The noted exemptions are reasonable to protect developed areas and agricultural use.</p>	Support
7. Transportation & Mass Transit	<p>What role will you play in shifting more of Connecticut's transportation funding from highway expansion projects toward transit projects (including bus, rail and light-rail)?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: CT has made progress in this area in recent years, allocating major funding towards mass-transit projects and road repair rather than building new roads. However, funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects is lacking. I would support more projects to increase public transportation, especially in more rural areas and also more funding for creative bicycle and pedestrian projects.</p>	Support
8. Inland Wetlands	<p>What position will you play in clarifying the authority of the state's inland wetland commissions with respect to 1) state commitment to protecting wetlands, and 2) the right to consider credible testimony from knowledgeable witnesses in addition to applicants' paid experts?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Support</p>	Support
9. Community Green Fund	<p>What role will you play on legislation enabling local communities to collect a real estate transfer fee from buyers to create a dedicated "community green fund" for environmental programs (such as brownfield remediation, sewer upgrades, energy conservation, alternative transportation, clean air and water initiatives, and preserving open space, farmland and parks), and create the green jobs associated with implementing them?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have supported this idea for some time and have been advocating for similar</p>	Lead

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
	plans to support open space locally as a member of Ashford's Planning and Zoning Commission and Open Space sub-committee.	
10. Toxics	<p>What role will you play on additional legislation that enables state agencies to restrict the most harmful chemicals from consumer products, particularly children's products?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I have worked on this issue for several years as a citizen advocate and as a consultant with Clean Water Action and the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy CT. I was particularly involved with the cleanup of diesel school bus emissions, ban of Bisphenol-A fr</p>	Lead
11. Hydropower	<p>The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's grants for hydropower facilities and most state-owned dams require compliance with Low-Impact Hydropower Institute standards.</p> <p>What role will you play in requiring other new and upgraded hydropower facilities to meet the standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I would generally support efforts to make hydropower as clean and low-impact as possible. I do not know this issue in detail but would likely support. I would welcome more information.</p>	Support
12. Rollbacks and Waivers on Environmental Standards	<p>What role will you play to oppose rollbacks, waivers, and the weakening of Connecticut's existing environmental laws and regulations?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: We must strengthen environmental law and pass funding for enforcement rather than rollback funding and waive existing standards. Tough economic times require difficult decisions but funding environmental protection is an investment in our future.</p>	Lead
13. Smart Growth & Plans of Conservation & Development	<p>What role would you play regarding state legislation that provides incentives for, or requires, towns to follow smart growth principles in their development decisions?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Smart growth initiatives will help control sprawl, build livable communities and help preserve remaining open space in CT. I will support and work hard to provide incentives/requirements for smart growth in towns and to apply these principles to state planning as well.</p>	Lead
14. Annual Land Transfer Act	<p>With respect to proposed transfers of state land, what role will you play in requiring any transferee to follow an environmental impact evaluation process comparable to that which the State must follow?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Although I appreciate the importance of environmental impact studies and would very likely support this bill, I do not want to promise to support more unfunded mandates on municipalities. I agree with the intent but would need to look at how these studies would be funded.</p>	Uncertain

Topic	Question	Lead, Support, Uncertain or Oppose
15. Property Tax Reform	<p>What role will you play in legislation to reduce municipal reliance on property taxes?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I believe the property tax system needs to be reviewed and reformed; this is one of my platform's priorities. CT's towns are stretched to provide quality education and services with the revenue generated by property taxes and are forced to open up for dev</p>	Lead
16. Pesticides	<p>What role will you play in preserving Connecticut's landmark legislation that bans the cosmetic use of lawn care pesticides at schools and day care centers?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: I supported this legislation on the grassroots level and I will fight to preserve it. Pesticides are one of the most dangerous of many products containing chemicals of concern, harmful to all, but especially to children during their developmental years. P</p>	Lead
17. Pesticides	<p>What role will you take on legislation that enables cities and towns to control the use of pesticides within their municipal boundaries?</p> <p>Candidate Comments: Pesticides used on private lands have a nasty habit of spreading throughout the environment. The toxins don't respect property lines. I feel that it is reasonable to ban toxins from use on private as well as public property and feel that if citizens are educated on the issue, they will agree that this is an important step to protect the health of our citizens.</p>	Support
18. Energy Policy	<p>How do you think Connecticut's energy policy could be improved to make it more sustainable?</p> <p>A comprehensive energy plan for the state would be a great start. This would include support for renewable energy, and energy efficiency programs as well as LEED standards for new building and incentives for retrofits of existing structures.</p>	
19. Nuclear Energy	<p>What is your position on expanding nuclear energy in Connecticut? Do you support it? Do you oppose it? Why?</p> <p>I do not support expansion of nuclear energy in CT because there is no safe way to dispose of the toxic waste and there is the possibility that an accident could become a true disaster.</p>	

Part 2: If you are elected and you could choose only one environmental issue to address, which *ONE* of the following issues would be your priority for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Top Environmental Priority: **Toxics**

Comments: I would love to take the lead on most of these issues but I realize that one must be reasonable; still I have to say that I would like to lead on both toxics and funding for clean energy and energy efficiency. The funding for CE and EF has been delayed for several years now and needs to be part of a comprehensive energy plan for CT. Without action in the coming legislature we will lose much of the progress we have made so far in this area. But in the area of toxics, CT has a bill which we worked hard on this session The Child Safe Products Act, which would set up a process to regulate chemicals of concern in our state without having to pass laws to deal with one chemical at a time. With leadership, it has a good chance of passage next session and I feel that protecting the health of our children has to be a first priority issue. There is a national bill to reform the Toxic Substances Act of 1976 in Congress now, so if that passes, my priorities might be altered. Thank you.