

2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

John-Michael Parker (Democrat)

House District 101

1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:

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

Yes

2) State Water Plan:

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

Yes

3) Municipal Funding Pilot for Open Space:

Would you support legislation that would allow, but not require, certain municipalities to establish a dedicated fund to protect local open space, farmland and water resources through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?

Uncertain

I would need to know more about what municipalities would—and wouldn't—qualify, and also the magnitude of the fee and it's projected impact on real estate sales. I am very much directionally aligned with this... I would just want to be sure I felt it was the right solution for the problem!

4) Plastic Bag Pollution:

Would you support a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags (or a ban/fee hybrid) to significantly reduce plastic bag pollution in our state?

Yes

5) Gas Pipeline:

Will you support the repeal of the pipeline tax established in 2015?

Uncertain

While I am directionally aligned with this effort (removing unnecessary taxes and moving us toward clean energy), I would need to spend more time with the analyses and the legislation before making a firm commitment.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

Yes

I am very much interested in learning more about this work, as I am hopeful that carbon taxes can help with both environmental and economic challenges we're facing.

7) Additional Comments:

Thank you for the work you do. I hope to have the opportunity to work together in the future.