



## 2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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House , 125

### OPEN QUESTION

I've worked on removing and limiting pesticides and herbicides ([www.pesticidefreenc.org](http://www.pesticidefreenc.org)). I've also worked on educational campaigns (the "Green Tent" at St. Mark's Mayfair). My top priorities would be to accelerate the transition to renewable energy and the reduce plastic going into the waste stream through enhanced producer responsibility. The environment matters to me because we need clean air and clean water to be healthy, and I am profoundly moved by nature and I want posterity to enjoy the same delights that I have enjoyed.

#### 1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes

#### 2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Uncertain

I don't see a question regarding Waste Management, but as I stated earlier, I would seek to reduce plastic going into the waste stream through enhanced producer responsibility.

#### 3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes

Enhanced producer responsibility could be a potential solution with polystyrene.

#### 4) PFAS:

- Yes

Why endanger people's health with these chemicals when alternatives can be used? Or we can offer consumers textiles, carpets and cookware without the chemicals.

#### 5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

CT should ban the use of neonics and or severely restrict the use of other pesticides and simultaneously we should educate people that a perfect green lawn is not the ideal lawn.

**6) RODENTICIDES:**

- yes  
Hawks, owls and raptors are majestic animals. We have seen other species go extinct due to human negligence, we should not endanger these species.

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

- Yes  
The use of diesel generators result in harmful emissions so these devices must be regulated with a view to minimize their use until a sustainable substitute can be developed.

**8) BEARS:**

- yes  
I agree that hunting bears is not a good solution because of the greater chance that the orphaned cubs grow up to be problem bears

**9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:**

- Yes  
Trees provide so many benefits, and when they are removed the benefits go with them and the view becomes an eyesoar

**10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:**

- Yes  
Fairfield county suburbs are overbuilt and the congestion on the roads is just one negative byproduct of this rampant construction. We must conserve space for wildlife and human use.

**11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:**

- Yes  
I just learned what these are, and I know that when I see a stream that is adjacent to a paved area it is instinctually repulsive and lacks the benefits that riparian buffers provide.

**12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:**

- Uncertain

- I am ambivalent about this one because I am under the impression that a CT candidate typically will receive more than 50% of the vote which makes the RCV point moot.