



2022 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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OPEN QUESTION

The environmental Issues that are surrounding Long Island Sound are very important to me and my constituents.

1) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

- Yes
Environmental justice issues are systemic and in all communities, even mine. We have significant wetlands issues here in Branford specifically of concern along our business zoned Route 1 coordinator. I've had people tell me that the DOT/DEEP don't care to resolve any of their recurring flooding because of the demographic of their neighborhood. I believe our local P&Z and wetlands boards and commissions have transparency and fairness issues. I am supportive of anything we can do to lift voice of the marginalized in this state.

2) WASTE MANAGEMENT:

- Yes
I'd like to see large scale composting services across the state.

3) POLYSTYRENE:

- Yes
Let's do it.

4) PFAS:

- Uncertain
I don't know enough about doing this sort of work in a piecemeal, state-by-state fashion. But in theory I support reducing PFAS chemicals and have supported legislation in the past.

5) NEONICOTINOIDS:

- Yes

I'd be interested in seeing the data showing the links between bee, insect and bird deaths.

6) RODENTICIDES:

- yes
Another horrific consequence of an unintended management practice.

7) DIESEL BACKUP GENERATORS/DATA CENTERS:

- Yes
This legislation was rushed so I'm not surprised we are now hearing these issues and trying to revise the policy.

8) BEARS:

- yes

9) TREE CUTTING PROTOCOLS:

- Yes
I have seen homes now fully exposed to the danger of vehicles along highways and are mere yards away from vehicles traveling at high speeds. I've tried to advocate to DOT for barriers and even a simple fence when highway trees were cleared due to safety concerns. The area also happens to be alongside an eversource property. I've gotten no resolution to this matter from DOT. It's very frustrating and I'd like to be able to do something for my constituents.

10) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

- Yes
Branford is already a leader in this with our resiliency fund. But we certainly can do more.

11) RIPARIAN BUFFERS:

- Yes
I've been working with organizations that have been concerned about the health of the Farm River. We have been testing for several years and the water quality has been determined to be very bad. There are nearby swimming areas as well. I'd be interested to hear if this type of remediation would help in this area.

12) RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

- Uncertain

- If we could invest the proper amount of money in education about RCV!