



2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) Open Question:

I recently brought in funding to my district to provide water quality testing as we are one of the top four polluted beaches in the LI Sound. Also I'm working on the public facing campaign to change behavior for cleaning dog waste. I also work with the Friends of the Farm River and Save the Sound to clean up the sound. Also as a board member of the Branford Historical Society I'm very concerned about the loosening of the regulations for redeveloping historical properties and maintaining SHPO's authority. I voted No on it and would like to work with my colleagues to fix it.

2) Climate:

Will you support paying for increased investments in clean energy and our electric grid infrastructure to ensure a healthy environment that will reduce reliance on fossil fuel and nuclear energy (and ultimately reduce costs to ratepayers)?

- Yes

3) Nature-Based Solutions:

Will you support a stand-alone bill that authorizes and prioritizes the use of nature-based solutions (forests, trees, wetlands, riparian buffers, healthy organic soils, and other natural ecosystems) as the preferred alternative, where appropriate, across all agencies?

- Yes

Absolutely. As a community on the Long Island Sound and a commitment to land preservation, this is critical. Branford has an excellent foundation for this work.

4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

Do you support Connecticut's adoption of the latest California emissions standards for cars and trucks?

- Yes

None

5) Environmental Rights Amendment:

Will you support an Environmental Rights Amendment to our State Constitution?

- Yes

I support CT's efforts to ensure every resident of the state is protected from the historical environmental inequities. All citizens have a right to clean water and air and the right to a healthy community.

6) Food Waste Diversion:

Will you support designating food scraps as a "recyclable" item and requiring large-scale food generators to create plans to donate edible food?

- Yes

Absolutely. Our family was part of a local pilot for compost and has been using Blue Earth ever since. We have reduced our landfill waste by 1/3. This year we are committed to switching from a pick up service to dropping off at our transfer station and grateful our town has this service. It's very easy!

7) Neonicotinoids:

Will you help push for legislation to ban the sale and use of neonics for non-agricultural use in Connecticut?

- Yes

Let's do this!

8) Rodenticides:

Will you support banning the use of certain rodenticides, with a few well-defined exceptions, to help prevent the deaths of its unintended victims?

- Yes

Let's do this!

9) Environmental Justice:

Will you support a legislative fix to Connecticut's Environmental Justice statutes to include all polluting facilities?

- Yes

10) Bears:

Will you support legislation that requires humane responses to conflicts with wildlife such as providing better support for the public seeking help,

removing attractants, minimizing shooting incidents, and strengthening programs to deal with orphaned wildlife?

- Yes

11) Tree Cutting Protocols:

Will you support legislation to require stronger science-based tree cutting protocols based on conservation values?

- Yes

12) Ranked Choice Voting:

Should Connecticut pursue Ranked Choice Voting?

- Unsure
I would support it only if we fully fund the necessary education behind such a change.

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT TO WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

If you support any or all of our top priority legislation during the 2025 session, will you add your name as a legislative co-sponsor?

- Yes

Will you plan to attend our annual Environmental Summit in January?

- Unsure
I always seem to have a conflict. Hopefully this coming year.

If requested, will you meet with CTLCV at least once during the legislative session to review priority legislation?

- Yes