



2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

Norm Needleman (Democrat)

Senate District 33

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

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?

No

Although I have stopped using plastic bags personally I don't believe that a ban is the right approach. I would do everything possible to discourage the use of plastic bags including charging for the use of plastic bags except an outright ban.

5) Gas Pipeline:

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

Uncertain

Need more information on this subject.

6) Carbon Pricing:

Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?

No

I support this as a compact with other states or nationally but not just in Connecticut.

7) Additional Comments:

In Essex I have continued the great legacy of Phil Miller in protecting and conserving land in our town through the Essex Land Trust and the Conservation Commission. If elected to the State Senate I would bring those same principles to the state.