



## 2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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### 1) Open Question:

I have a great love for the water and would immediately look to stop placing wind farms in our waterways. they are killing the wildlife and beauty of our environment.

### 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)?**

- No

Many of the clean energy like wind for instance is destroying our natural habits especially in the long island sound. I am all for clean energy research but we can not bankrupt our state or country while we do it. Fossil fuels are still without doubt the most economic and efficient energy sources in the world.

### 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?**

- Unsure

Don't know enough about the topic to say yes or no.

### 4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

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

- No

For light cars and trucks yes but more than 80% of all medium and heavy duty trucks on the road are older then 15 years old. implementing

these new standards to them would devastate small businesses like heating oil companies and many transportation companies. These new initiatives would drive up the cost of all goods and services in our state at a time that most CT families need relief

**5) Environmental Rights Amendment:**

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

- No

This would also give the government more power than they should be allowed to have. eminent domain, tax increases and added regulations can be used but local and state government without going through the proper legislative processes. I want a smaller government not bigger especially since this goal can be achieved currently with the DEEP while protecting the citizens due process.

**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

sounds like a viable plan and if there is a proposal currently being circulated i would love to read it.

**7) Neonicotinoids:**

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

- Unsure

Don't know enough about the topic to make an educated opinion

**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?**

- Unsure

if it had bipartisan support then why didn't it reach the floor? Something seems off there and would have to read the bill put forth.

**9) Environmental Justice:**

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

- No

The cost of this measure would send energy prices through the roof and as you stated in another question families are already having trouble putting food on their tables.

**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  
Sure i believe we all want to handle wildlife encounters humanely but when wild animals get overly aggressive i believe and expect the publics safety to take priority

**11) Tree Cutting Protocols:**

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

- No  
We have all seen the tree cutting projects on the highway and they are being done for the safety of our citizens and those driving on our states roads. we have witnessed several incidents of trees falling on our highways (Route 9 and 15) because of the lack of tree maintenance. In regards to utilities its more cost effective to proactively cut the trees around power lines instead of having to cut them anyway when they fall and knock out power to the our residents.

**12) Ranked Choice Voting:**

**Should Connecticut pursue Ranked Choice Voting?**

- No  
Studies have already shown its way to confusing especially for our senior voters.

**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  
If i agree with the bill proposed of course i'll always add my name to it.

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

- Yes  
I'm always open to hear a variety of views and solutions to problems.

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

- Yes  
i'm open to meet with anyone.