



2024 Candidate Survey on the Environment

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1) Open Question:

As a member of the Old Saybrook Parks and Recreation Commission since 2021, I have been deeply involved in a number of environmental issues including the reinforcing of the seawall, preservation of existing town beaches and protecting the vernal pools in the Preserve. My priority for the 2025 legislative session would be to ensure that the Global Warming Solutions Act is updated and reauthorized.

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

Living on the shoreline and experiencing new extremes in weather with roads regularly flooding, it is hard to believe that anyone doubts the climate crisis and man's role in both creating it and fixing it. I think we have to make the necessary investments to save our communities and our planet. All investments delayed - as they have been for decades - is only going to mean escalating costs in the future.

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

I live directly abutting wetlands - as do so many residents of the shoreline communities I hope to represent. Nothing could be more

important - and, frankly, financially sensible, than prioritizing nature-based solutions.

4) Clean Cars and Trucks Emissions Standards:

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

- Yes

5) Environmental Rights Amendment:

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

- Yes

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

7) Neonicotinoids:

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

- Yes

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

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?

- Yes

I fully support implementing ranked choice voting provided we adequately educate the public and provide the resources necessary to administer this form of election. Ranked choice voting eliminates the possibility, particularly in crowded primaries, of a candidate winning with only limited support. It also ensures that the person chosen will be elected at the election with the largest turnout – rather than in a lower turnout runoff.

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?

- Yes

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

- Yes