



Connecticut Fund for the Environment and its program Save the Sound

2013 Legislative Agenda



Energy Efficiency

- Help homebuyers and renters get more information about the energy efficiency of buildings they are considering, and provide owners with information about opportunities to improve their buildings' efficiency.
- Work to develop new ways to encourage more state and private investment in energy efficiency for the residential and commercial sectors.

Long Island Sound

- Restore Long Island Sound's and our rivers' water quality by working with the Clean Water Investment Coalition to secure Clean Water Fund authorizations for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 that will reduce nitrogen, raw sewage, and phosphorus.
- Work with shoreline communities toward climate change adaptation measures that will help protect property, residents, wildlife, and the environment.
- Restore fish-spawning habitat, limit safety liability risks to the public, and create private-sector jobs by 1) encouraging the removal of unused dams; 2) allowing private inspection of dams by qualified engineers; and 3) including dam removal in the Dam Repair/Maintenance general permit.

Transit and Transit-Oriented Development

- Implement a system to promote, prioritize, and support transit-oriented development and livable, walkable, bikeable transit communities in Connecticut.
- Maintain existing bus service.
- Invest in new transit services.
- Increase Connecticut's long-term planning for transit.
- Encourage the leveraging of federal investments for rail and bus service.
- Improve access to transportation information and make transit more "user friendly" for riders.

Defense of Connecticut Law and Policy

- Defend against bills that seek to weaken or roll back protections of Connecticut's land, air, and water, and Long Island Sound.

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