

Do You Have a Right to Clean Water & Air, Healthy Soils, a Stable Climate, & a Healthy Environment?

With Passage of the Connecticut Environmental Rights Amendment aka the Connecticut Green Amendment You Will!

Of course you have an inalienable human right, but, NO, you do not have an enforceable legal right to a clean and healthy environment under the Connecticut or US constitutions.

While our state and federal constitutions protect some rights, they do not protect our rights to clean and healthy air, water, and soil; a stable climate; and healthy environments. Because environmental rights are not constitutionally recognized, government decisionmakers are too often free to disregard them in favor of other political or economic priorities.

The result is a system of environmental laws that accept environmental pollution and degradation as something to be accepted and managed rather than prevented. **All communities suffer when there is pollution, environmental degradation, and an unstable climate. And it is a proven fact that communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low income communities carry a disproportionate burden of environmental harm.**

The CT Environmental Rights Amendment/Green Amendment will require environmental rights to be protected equitably for all communities. The Amendment will ensure all government officials in our state prioritize environmental protection from the start of all planning, decisionmaking, legislating, regulating and permitting. It will require our government officials to avoid/prevent environmental harm, not simply manage it after-the-fact.

We need a Green Amendment added to our Connecticut state constitution — and ultimately to the US Constitution. The Connecticut Green Amendment has been introduced into the state legislature as the CT Environmental Rights Amendment, House Joint Resolution 37.

Green Amendments in Pennsylvania and Montana have been used to check inappropriate government action that would have had devastating environmental consequences for communities, environment, local businesses and environmentally protective economic development. **In 2021, the New York Green Amendment passed with the support of over 70% of state voters after also securing bi-partisan support in the state legislature!** For more information, on Green Amendments, see <http://ctgreenamendment.org>.

It's time to put an Environmental Rights Amendment into the Bill of Rights of the Connecticut Constitution! We deserve our own constitutional Green Amendment.

Branford Garden Club

Clean Water Action CT

Climate Reality Project,
Southern CT Chapter

CT Alliance of Retired
Americans

CT Climate Crisis
Mobilization (C3M)

CT NOFA: The Northeast
Organic Farming
Association

CT Nurses United

Foodshed Network

Food and Water Watch

Green Amendments For
The Generations

Green EcoWarriors

Green Party of CT

Hamden Alliance for Trees

Hampton Green Energy
Committee

Hartford Monthly Meeting
(Quakers)

Interreligious EcoJustice
Network

Moms United in East
Haven/Mamas Unidas en
East Haven

New Haven Bioregional
Group

No More Dirty Power in
Killingly

Norwalk River Watershed
Association

Pollinator Pathway

Portland Green Energy
Task Force

PT Partners

Save the Sound

Seaside Sounds Club

Sierra Club CT

The Nature Conservancy
CT

Windham-Willimantic
NAACP Environmental
Justice Committee

**House Joint Resolution 37 would propose
the state legislature advance
the CT Environmental Rights Amendment (*aka the CT Green
Amendment*) to a vote of the people as follows:**

**Article 1 of the state constitution will be amended
to add a section 21 that reads:**

A. Each person of the state of Connecticut shall have an individual right to clean and healthy air, water, soil and environment; a stable climate; and self-sustaining ecosystems; for the benefit of public health, safety and the general welfare. The state shall not infringe upon these rights. The state shall protect these rights equitably for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, tribal membership status, gender, socioeconomics, or geography.

B. The state, municipalities, and any political subdivision thereof, shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of Connecticut, among them its waters, air, flora, fauna, soils, and climate; and shall conserve, protect, and maintain these resources for the benefit of all people, including present and future generations.

C. The rights stated in this section are inherent, inalienable, and inalienable, are among those rights reserved to the people, and are equivalent with all other inalienable rights.

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