



## **Environmental Questions You Can Ask at Legislator Coffees, Constituent Meetings and Forums**

Below are some issues you can discuss with your legislators. If you are going to a coffee, constituent meeting, or forum, pick a question and hand out others to your family or friends.

Do you support legislation that would ban the use of eminent domain in constructing carbon dioxide pipelines?

Would you support legislation that would create an Agriculture Climate Adaptation Plan that would guide Iowa farmers in how to adapt to the effects of climate change?

Iowa voters gave overwhelming support to a constitutional amendment that would allow increased investment in Iowa's parks, recreation and clean water and a law is already on the books laying out the formulas for how the money is to be spent. All that is left is for the legislature to approve the three-eight cent sales tax. Would you support the sales tax without changes in the funding formulas?

Do you support increasing the budget for items that improve public education, public health, parks and recreation, and water quality?

Do you support fully funding REAP (Iowa Resources Enhancement and Protection Fund) at 20 million dollars and extending it beyond 2023, with no changes in the funding formulas?

Would you support a moratorium on the construction of new CAFOs or expansion of existing CAFOs? (Note, CAFOs are confined animal feeding operations, where animals are raised in buildings.)

Would you support comprehensively improving the CAFO (confined animal feeding operations) laws so that the neighbors are better protected, water is better protected, and the air emissions are reduced?

Iowa has a nutrient reduction strategy, but has no set targets for the nutrients in each lake, river, and stream. Would you support setting targets for nutrients in Iowa's lakes, rivers, and streams and setting a date for meeting the targets?

Would you work on continuing the bottle deposit law and expanding it to include water bottles, iced tea, sports drinks and juice bottles?

What would you do to increase voter access to the polls?

Do you support legislation that supports the rights of Iowans to peacefully protest without the threat of a Class B felony, 25 years in prison, and a fine of 100 thousand dollars?

There are competing ideas of government's responsibilities. Do you believe that the primary responsibility of government is to grow the economy and give corporations tax breaks and incentives? Or is the primary responsibility of government to protect the things we all share, such as rivers, clean drinking water, air, public health, bridges, roads, wildlife, and public universities?

Would you work to ensure that people and businesses can install their own solar panels and not be assessed surcharges and penalties by their utility?

In 2018, the Iowa legislature rolled back utility energy efficiency programs by reducing the amount the utilities could spend on the program. Would you overturn that law, and re-instate the state's energy efficiency programs?

The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture has been defunded. Would you support funding the Leopold Center so it can continue its research mission?

Would you support creating a state bank in Iowa, similar to the state bank in North Dakota?