

We believe that being an environmental leader in public office means taking bold action and setting clear timetables to protect our natural resources. An environmental leader asks the tough questions, takes hard votes, and stands up for people over party and special interests.

WATER IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT

An environmental leader is unequivocally committed to ensuring all Michiganders have safe, affordable access to drinking water that is free from lead, industrial contamination, pollution runoff and other toxins. They recognize that the Great Lakes watershed is severely damaged and must be restored. They pledge to make substantial investments in water infrastructure and advance a bold, comprehensive plan to protect Michigan's waters.

CLEAN ENERGY WILL POWER A JUST, PROSPEROUS AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

An environmental leader sees clean, renewable energy as a win for our economy, public health, and their constituents' pocketbooks -- all while reducing air and water pollution. They fight for policies that increase the state's use of clean energy, recognizing it will create more jobs, save families money on their electric bills, and protect our communities from climate change.

PUBLIC LANDS ARE ESSENTIAL TO MICHIGAN'S FUTURE

An environmental leader recognizes the recreational value of our state's natural areas and is committed to protecting public lands for future generations to enjoy. They understand that our outdoor assets provide an economic boost to local communities -- from recreation and tourism to healthy fisheries and vibrant habitats that power Michigan's impressive agricultural diversity.

COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM SUSTAINABILITY

An environmental leader advances policies that leave our cities, towns and villages greener, healthier and more resilient in the face of a changing climate. They ensure that citizens have a voice in decisions that impact their community. They seek innovative solutions that rebuild our aging infrastructure and spur economic development in urban, suburban and rural communities.

CITIZENS' VOICES MATTER

An environmental leader believes that the public interest is best served when the democratic process is open, fair, and just. They believe that protecting land, air and water are not partisan issues. They advocate for solutions that strengthen our democratic process and make our government more transparent and representative of all people. They are committed to making sure each vote counts, that districts are drawn fairly, and that citizens have a meaningful voice in governance and elections.

POLICY SHOULD BE FORWARD-THINKING

An environmental leader does not reject the broad consensus within the scientific community (and public) that human-caused climate change is happening now, and is already impacting communities across Michigan. An environmental leader thinks broadly and creatively about how we can adapt to a changing environment. They stand up for bold policies that address climate change, recognizing that decisions made today will be felt in communities across Michigan.

THOSE MOST IMPACTED SHOULD HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE

An environmental leader recognizes that underserved communities of color disproportionately bear the brunt of industrial pollution and other environmental harms. When considering policy, they talk directly with the communities impacted by pollution and raise their voices in the halls of the Capitol -- not just because it's the right thing to do, but because it leads to better policies that improve the quality of life for all Michiganders.