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# 2024 Environmental Summit



## Preview of Legislative Priorities

January 23, 2024



# AGENDA

**9:00** Check-In/ Coffee

**9:30** Welcome/ Opening Remarks

**Special Guest:** Tony Leiserowitz, Ph.D., Director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication

**10:05** Panel: Climate/Energy Solutions

CT's Global Warming Solutions Act must be updated to set higher standards for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This panel will explain actions our state can take to support equitable energy programs and ensure that we have meaningful policies in place to achieve these climate goals

**11:00** Panel: Climate/Nature Based Solutions

Protecting nature is critical to ensuring a climate resilient CT. The panel will discuss how conservation, restoration, and sustainable management can mitigate impacts of climate change, protect biodiversity, and provide major co-benefits to communities.

**11:50** PFAS

This presentation will give an update on PFAS cleanup efforts and focus on the need to eliminate the sources of ongoing contamination.

**12:00** Environmental Rights Amendment

This presentation will explain the movement to pass a state Constitutional Amendment that guarantees the right to a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all.

**12:05** Lunch

**1:00** Panel: Food Waste Prevention

The panel will address steps that CT can take to offset our state's waste management crisis by preventing or diverting food waste, which is 22% of the waste currently landfilled, incinerated, or shipped out of state.

**2:00** Panel: Pesticides

Neonics are linked to declining numbers of bird species and pollinators. Rodenticides are deadly to CT's wild raptors. The panel will discuss what can be done to eliminate these deadly poisons from our environment.

**2:35** Panel: Reducing Vehicle Emissions

Transportation accounts for the largest share of CT's air pollution. The panel will explain how updating vehicle emissions standards can reduce tailpipe emissions from cars and trucks and result in measurable public health and environmental benefits.

**3:05** Offshore Wind

Offshore wind is expected to play a key role in reaching CT's decarbonization goals. The presenters will provide an update on the status and next steps for this clean energy source in our state and region.

**Closing Remarks**



## WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2024 Environmental Summit! On behalf of the staff and board of the CT League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, we thank you for attending this important forum. As we have seen in recent years, the challenges of climate change are becoming more prevalent, as are protecting biodiversity, reducing toxins in our environment, and sustainably managing our waste. This will be another critical year for environmental policies and this Summit is intended to help shape the framework for change. We hope you enjoy the panels, speakers and discussions that take place today!

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