Q1. Will your party commit to meeting the target of protecting 30% of Ontario’s lands and  
waters by 2030 in keeping with Canada’s international commitments?

Q2. Will your party strengthen Ontario’s Endangered Species Act and restore a science-base  
approach to species recovery, including mandatory habitat protection? Will you overturn the broad  
exemptions granted to industry under the ESA that enable industrial and development activities to  
destroy the habitat of at-risk species?

Q3. Will your party ensure that Ontario protects natural areas that play a key role in climate  
mitigation, such as the boreal forest and the peatlands of the Hudson Bay Lowland, and work  
with Indigenous communities to plan for the future of these carbon-rich areas?

Q4. Would your government support the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the  
Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the passing of Bill 76, United Nations Declaration on the  
Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, 2019 in Ontario?

Q5. Will your party commit to reducing the province’s greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from  
2005 levels by 2030? What actions will you take to meet targets and how will you assure  
Ontarians that targets will be met?

Q6. Will your party commit to phasing out gas-fired electricity by 2030 and prioritize investment in cost-  
effective renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts as part of a renewed focus on creating an  
efficient, flexible and zero carbon electricity system?

Q7. Will your party protect farmland and wildlife habitat in Ontario’s most imperiled southern  
regions by immediately cancelling Hwy. 413 and the Bradford Bypass and restarting the  
Municipal Comprehensive Review process with rules that contain growth within existing urban  
boundaries? Will you ensure that urban growth for the next 30 years is used not to create  
more car-dependent neighborhoods, but to transform Ontario’s existing car-dependent  
neighborhoods and commercial areas into complete communities where most trips rely on  
public transit and active transportation?

Q8. Will your party enact a moratorium on new aggregate pits and quarries while developing a  
strategy for reducing the need for virgin raw materials through improved aggregate recycling,  
new construction approaches, and avoiding construction of unnecessary new highways?

Q9. Will your party restore the role of Conservation Authorities in protecting watersheds and  
natural systems?

Q10. Will your party commit to establishing a dedicated green infrastructure fund to allow for the  
planning, delivery, and ongoing management of green infrastructure projects with multiple benefits,  
from increasing climate change resiliency and improving urban quality of life to spurring the creation of  
thousands of new jobs? Specifically, will you ensure that at least 15% of provincial infrastructure  
funding is for green infrastructure?

Q11. Will your party endorse a source to tap approach to protecting water quality and quantity by  
funding and implementing efforts to reduce pollutants like phosphorous and plastic reaching our lakes  
and rivers, properly controlling water takings to protect community supplies, helping municipalities get  
the lead out of water systems and homes, and protecting the huge intact watersheds in the far north of  
the province?

Q12. Will your party embrace forward looking planning by strengthening and expanding environmental  
assessments, including greater use of cumulative and regional assessment processes and expanding  
project coverage?

Q13. Will your party commit to improving the Extended Producer Responsibility system by adding the  
Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector, setting and enforcing higher recycling targets for  
plastic packaging and establishing a deposit on beverage containers? Will you also reject efforts to burn  
“plastic-to-fuel” and commit to banning organics in landfills?

Q14. Will your party make efforts to reduce the toxins accumulating in our environment and in our  
bodies by banning PFAS, ensuring products sent for recycling do not contain toxics, and requiring  
labelling of known toxic ingredients on all products?

Q15. Will your party help clear the air in communities with high air pollution levels by requiring real-  
time monitoring and reporting of air contaminants and strong plans to improve air quality in  
overburdened communities?

Q16. Will your party restore the pesticides classification system and the pesticides advisory committee  
and end the outdoor use of neonics to protect pollinators and workers?

Q17. How would your party amend environmental protections across the province to ensure that low-  
income and vulnerable communities are not exposed to higher levels of environmental harm than other  
people in the province?

* Will your party commit to protecting 25 percent of our lands and waters by 2025 and 30 percent by 2030?
* If elected, will you do your utmost to ensure that the government invests in [expanding Ontario’s protected areas](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/41eff1b612824398ac5d80b96db56f21), in consultation with Indigenous communities?
* Will your party commit to [reversing the damaging 2019 amendments to the Endangered Species Act](https://ontarionature.org/endangered-species-act-review-top-ten-blog/) and restoring a science-based approach to species recovery, including mandatory habitat protection?
* If elected, will you do your utmost to ensure that the government adequately invests in stewardship and recovery efforts to reverse species declines?
* Will your party commit to upholding the purpose and intent of the EBR in all decision-making?
* If elected, will you do your utmost to ensure that the government refrains from using Minister’s Zoning Orders to fast-track development while dodging environmental protections and community consultation?