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?