

Ten Broken Environmental Promises

1. **PASSAGE OF REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE**

REALITY: The Romney/Healey administration was one of the initial leaders in the agreement. At the final hour, they backed out, a move that Healey supports.ⁱ

2. **REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING EMISSIONS**

REALITY: Administration has moved ahead on just a few of the 72 programs in the climate change agreement and has actively opposed some of the most important centerpiece projects.ⁱⁱ

3. **'ENFORCE WITHOUT COMPROMISE' FILTHY FIVE EMISSIONS REGULATIONSⁱⁱⁱ**

REALITY: This year, the Administration gutted the standards for the carbon dioxide portion of the regulations.^{iv}

4. **EVERY PARK IN MASSACHUSETTS SHOULD BE 'WORLD CLASS'^v**

REALITY: Parks are deteriorating with \$700 million maintenance backlog and rank 49th in country for per capita spending. Additionally, Romney vetoed spending increases for parks.^{vi}

5. **PROVIDE SALES TAX MORATORIUM FOR PURCHASE OF HYBRIDS/EFFICIENT CARS^{vii}**

REALITY: The bill languishes and Romney/Healey failed to move it.

6. **PROVIDE TAX DISENCENTIVES FOR SUV PURCHASES^{viii}**

REALITY: The bill remains stalled and never progressed.

7. **REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUVs IN STATE FLEET^{ix}**

REALITY: They actually added SUVs.^x

8. **EXTEND THE COMMUTER RAIL TO FALL RIVER AND NEW BEDFORD^{xi}**

REALITY: Fall River and New Bedford remain unconnected to the commuter rail network four years later. Healey *still* promises to extend rail service.^{xii}

9. **ZERO OZONE VIOLATION DAYS WITHIN FOUR YEARS^{xiii}**

REALITY: This year there were 11 unhealthy air days in Massachusetts.^{xiv}

10. **100% INCREASE IN NUMBER OF BROWNFIELD SITES REDEVELOPED ANNUALLY WITHIN FOUR YEARS^{xv}**

REALITY: Administration failed to propose funding for brownfields in budget and called for decreased funding for brownfields redevelopment fund for FY'07.

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- ^v Boston Globe, August 6, 2006.
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- ^{vii} “Towards a Sustainable Commonwealth,” Romney/Healey 2002 campaign document. Page 8.
“Conserve fuel, get tax break: Romney's plan would put burden on SUV drivers” The MetroWest Daily News, Friday, September 6, 2002
- ^{viii} “The issues: Energy efficiency and air quality,” Rick Klein, Boston Globe, Oct. 13, 2002.
- ^{ix} “Mitt may ax SUVs from fleet,” AP , Feb. 12, 2003
- ^x In development post, it wasn't easy being green,” Stephanie Ebbert, Boston Globe, Feb. 25, 2006
- ^{xi} “All aboard”, Will Richmond, Boston Herald, 03/11/2005
- ^{xii} “Healey, reps spar over rail,” New Bedford Standard Times, Sept. 30, 2006.
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- ^{xiv} “Region saw cleaner air during the summer.” Boston Globe, October 3, 2006.
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