



LWV OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY LOCAL POSITIONS

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION (1976, updated 1991, 2000, 2007)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports designing communities to safely provide alternative modes of transportation, including walking and biking.

A. Planning: Support preparation and implementation of local and regional bicycle and pedestrian plans consistent with comprehensive plans and incorporating citizen participation.

B. Education: Support a collaborative program to include parents, schools, and the community to train both children and adults how to walk, bike and drive safely.

C. Enforcement: Support fair, uniform laws for pedestrians and bikers throughout the area and consistent enforcement of these laws.

BILLBOARDS (1994)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes the area's scenic environment should be protected.

A. Oppose construction of any new billboards (off-premise signs)

B. Support phasing out existing billboards over a reasonable period of time

C. Promote replacing billboards with, and require all new directional billboards be designed as standard logo and tourist-oriented directional signs (TODS)

CHILDCARE (1992, updated 2002)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes special emphasis should be placed on developing childcare resources for the Neenah/Menasha area. In this area, multiple jurisdictions, including two counties, complicates development of community and regional programs and hampers use of county services as a referral source for parents.

I. Development of childcare in our communities.

A. Parents:

1. Encourage the development of new resources

2. Support the further education of parents, citizens at large, employers, and community organizations

B. Community:

1. Establish regional resource center with highly visible toll-free number for easier access by parents.

C. Schools

1. Continue before and after school programs

2. Provide early kindergarten and/or full-day kindergarten

3. Provide transportation services

D. Employers

1. Educate on need for childcare

2. Identify resources available to help employees to develop programs

3. Give parents credit for payment of childcare, or subsidization.

II. Problem areas

A. Special Needs: sick or recovering children, disabled children, infants, extended part-time care.

B. Caregivers: better pay, training, benefits.

CITIZEN EFFECTIVENESS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT *(1976, updated 1991, 2001)*

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes with proper information citizens can more effectively participate in local government.

- A. More information should be provided concerning local governmental structure, representatives and procedures for approaching proper officials through the following media:
 - 1. Cable TV/Radio
 - 2. Phone messages fax and email
 - 3. Printed material, including availability of local directories in public places
 - 4. Internet access to web sites
- B. The Open Meeting Law should be enforced at the local level with meeting times and agendas published in a timely manner and easily available to citizens.
- C. The full ballot should be published in each local paper before elections.
- D. Citizens should be encouraged to attend local governmental meetings on a regular basis
- E. Printed explanatory information on the budget procedure, terminology, and timing should be available to allow input from citizens before the actual budget hearings.

CITY GOVERNMENT *(studied periodically, recent 1957, 1978, 1988)*

*This study was done prior to the merger of LWV-Neenah/Menasha and LWV Oshkosh. Only the city manager form of government was studied.

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes local government should be efficient, economical, and responsive to the will of the people. For the City of Oshkosh, we:

- A. Support the Council Manager form of government.
- B. Strongly support nomination and election of council members at large. The minimum and preferred number of council members should be seven, the maximum nine members. There should be an odd number of members on the council. The preferred length of terms should be three years.
- C. Promote allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to projects that meet federal objectives, with the maximum allowable to benefit low/moderate income and elderly persons. Secondary emphasis should be given to maximizing the number of persons to benefit from alternative projects of a similar nature, a coherent strategy of community development, availability of other sources of funding, visible project impact within a short period of time, generation of additional public or private funds, compliance with the city's comprehensive plan and favorable impact on the city's tax base and operating budget.
- D. Promote provisions for citizen participation in determining projects supported by Community Development Block Grant funds.

COMMUNITY LIVING *(updated 2010)*

The Winnebago County League of Women Voters, consistent with the LWV-US, supports providing affordable housing through governmental and private initiatives.

- A. Support the concept of independent living for people with disabilities.
- B. Support Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRF) for Oshkosh and the surrounding areas

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION *(updated 2008)*

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports public and private efforts for community revitalization in urban areas. Community revitalization is defined as the adaptation of community facilities and operations to meet present and future needs of area citizens. In its broadest sense, it is not an end, but rather an ongoing process.

Highest priority community revitalization goals include commercial and industrial development, physical maintenance of commercial and residential property, long-term community energy conservation, and compact land use, consistent with sustainability principles. Community revitalization projects may also include low-income housing; elderly housing; job training opportunities; public facilities; maintenance of central business district as full-service commercial, professional, government, cultural and residential center; transportation; preservation and restoration of structures and areas of historic and aesthetic value; public acquisition of property with high public value (e.g. riverfront); and clean air and water.

City government should play an active role in community revitalization in these ways:

- Identify community problems, needs, opportunities; develop an overall strategy for community revitalization.
- Build and maintain infrastructure and public facilities designed to foster economic growth.
- Provide incentives for private investment by identifying redevelopment areas, establishing Tax Incremental Finance Districts, or issuing Industrial Revenue Bonds
- Participate in joint public/private ventures when widespread public benefit is likely to occur
- Use zoning and other local codes creatively.

Land annexations necessary for revitalization projects should be contiguous to the city and should be based on public health factors, long-term land use planning, economic opportunities, and service extension costs.

Essential criteria for selecting community revitalization projects should include public health and safety, appropriate land use, and long-term community benefit. Highly desirable criteria should include recognition of current public and private investment, compatibility with overall revitalization strategy, total cost relative to available funds, economic impact, and historical/aesthetic value. Other desirable criteria include availability of non-local funds and potential private investment.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY (2008, updated 2010)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports comprehensive planning at all levels of government to provide orderly development and a high quality of life for our citizens. We encourage incorporating sustainable policies into these plans to assure that today's resources will continue to meet the needs of tomorrow's communities.

A. Comprehensive Planning. We believe cities, villages, towns and counties should have a comprehensive plan with the following features:

- Cover a 20 year period
- Be reviewed every five years and updated every 10 years.
- Include at a minimum the following nine elements designated in Wisconsin Statutes section 66.0295(2): issues and opportunities, housing, transportation, utilities and community facilities, agricultural, natural and cultural resources, economic development, intergovernmental cooperation, land use and implementation.
- Include also elements related to energy, green building and community health.
- Be developed with a strong component of citizen participation.
- Be adopted by the governing body.

Actions of the governing body should be consistent with its comprehensive plan. Plans within a region should be consistent with each other.

B. Sustainability. We believe sustainable policies are most likely to be implemented if they are incorporated into comprehensive plans. Sustainability can best be achieved through four objectives

based on the Natural Step framework developed by scientists in Sweden and the United States and recognized internationally:

- Reduce wasteful dependence upon fossil fuels, underground metals, and minerals.
- Reduce wasteful dependence upon chemicals and unnatural substances.
- Reduce encroachment upon nature.
- Meet human needs fairly and efficiently.

League also supports other public and private community efforts toward sustainability.

COUNTY BOARD STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION *(1998 and 2004)*

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes county government should be representative, accountable, and responsive.

A. County Board Size

1. Support reduction of the size of the Winnebago County Board. We believe fewer people on the Board would make it more efficient and easier to reach consensus on issues coming out of committees. Individual supervisors with a larger constituency would have greater visibility, increased public awareness of their record and more personal accountability.
2. Support minimal population deviation among districts when redistricting. In determining size, the Board should continue to reflect a diversity of experience, expertise, personality and political viewpoint. The fiscal impact of size should also be a consideration.
3. Promote increased competition for county board seats. A citizen with a small campaign budget should have an opportunity to be elected as a county supervisor.

B. Role of the County Executive

1. Support separation of administrative and legislative powers, with the County Executive coordinating and directing all administrative functions and the County Board and its committees dealing with policy and legislative questions only.
2. Support an Administrative Assistant to the County Executive appointed by the County Executive with approval of the County Board. Qualifications for this position should be clearly defined.

C. Committees

1. Support reduction of the number of County Board committees to a minimum of six and maximum of nine. These committees should be generic rather than departmentally specific. Reducing the number of committees is desirable regardless of the size of the County Board, but is essential if the number of County Board supervisors is significantly reduced.
2. Promote clear definition of committee responsibilities. Subcommittees should include members with expertise in the subject. Committee organization and meeting times should accommodate those holding full-time jobs.

CRIME PREVENTION *(1980; updated 1992, 1996, 2005, 2009)*

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports crime prevention programs targeted at all citizens throughout the county.

I. Support programs to prevent crime throughout Winnebago County

A. Encourage citizen involvement

1. Encourage education of all citizens (adults and youth) about crimes being committed in the area and crime prevention methods through public outreach such as newspapers, local magazines, talk-shows, seminars, websites and newsletters. Encourage the use of multicultural and bilingual publications to reflect the increased diversity of the area.
2. Encourage citizens to become involved in Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention programs.
3. Encourage law enforcement agencies to use volunteers to help with crime prevention programs to keep down costs.

4. Encourage citizens to be more educated and aware about crime prevention practices, by participating in such programs as TRIAD/SALT (seniors and law enforcement working together), TRICOM (citizens, businesses and law enforcement working together on crime prevention, health and safety issues).
 5. Be proactive about crime prevention by supporting Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) methods.
- B. Encourage cooperation between all law enforcement agencies that serve communities throughout Winnebago County.
1. Encourage collaboration among crime prevention programs.
 2. Support the hiring of crime prevention officers.
 3. Support the hiring of officers to reflect the multicultural make-up of the area.
- II. Support crime prevention youth programs and initiatives
- A. Support the work of law enforcement officers in all schools throughout Winnebago County.
1. Support the placement of police school liaison officers, as needed, in schools throughout Winnebago County.
 2. Support education and crime prevention programs provided by law enforcement officers (Examples, Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education DARE, Project Alert) in the classroom.
- B. Support crime reduction programs in all the public and private schools (Example, CrimeStoppers Quick 50)
- C. Support diversion programs for youth (Examples, Winnebago County Teen Court program, Alcohol and Tobacco Options programs, Law Education and restorative justice practices).

EDUCATION (Adopted in 2009 with our League merger; revised 2011)

The Education Position consists of two distinct categories: I), child and teacher centered; II), facilities and board action centered.

I. The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes the goal of the public education system should be to produce a well-rounded individual who is prepared to live in a global and rapidly changing technological society and who has a career plan and lifestyle which will ensure that he/she can be a productive citizen.

- A. The community, parents, students, teachers and administration should all be held to high levels of expectations and accountability.
- B. Building enrollment should be such that the principal and staff:
 1. Are aware of building needs.
 2. Work in a collaborative culture.
 3. Know their students.
- C. Class size should be based on:
 1. The size of the classroom
 2. The subject taught
 3. Grade level
 4. The amount of hands-on work required in the class
 5. The number of students with special needs in the class. "Special needs" students are defined as "in need of additional help either because they are physically or mentally handicapped, because they come from culturally or economically deprived backgrounds, or because they are gifted."

Note: Words in quotes are taken from LWV-WI Education Position.
- D. Each educational level should:
 1. **Provide a broad-based education emphasizing the core subjects, but not neglecting fine arts and extracurricular activities.**
 2. Provide baseline education in subject areas that are needed to be successful at the next level.

3. Teach students self-discipline and respect for others and how to function both cooperatively and independently.
4. Expose students to various career possibilities and develop career-planning skills which will allow them to adjust to an ever-changing job market.
5. Develop skills in communication - oral, written and technological.
6. Provide for needs of and challenge all students, regardless of the level of their intellectual, emotional or physical abilities.
7. Encourage parent involvement to increase student achievement.
8. Provide the student with a sense of belonging to the community and work on service learning projects at each grade level.
9. Encourage studies in practical living, such as nutrition, healthy life styles, budgeting, finance and parenting.
10. Support access to counseling services for K-12 students.

E. The school systems should:

1. Provide teachers and administrators with the opportunity for continuing education.
2. Provide effective teachers with recognition and reward.
3. Maintain high expectations for teachers.
4. Hire well-qualified administrators and teachers who will ensure expectations and accountability for student learning.

II. The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports quality education and educational facilities in local area school districts.

- A. Support adequate appropriations with due regard for enrollment changes.
- B. Support waiving all fees charged for classes and extracurricular activities for students unable to afford them.
- C. Support compliance with state and federal requirements to provide accommodations to individuals with special needs in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Act.
- D. Support election of school board members at large. The preferred length of term is three years.
- E. Support the development of long- range plans that encompass district needs. Within this plan, the need for any school closing, opening, or boundary change should be determined through a transparent, timely, fully documented process. Such changes should not decrease educational opportunity for any child in any school. Students enrolled in or participating in any federal, state or locally funded special programs should be provided with the same or comparable programs in any school closing plan.

A school closing or opening plan, or boundary changes, should include the following:

- Opportunities for community participation through public hearings.
- Enrollment factors: demographic trends, projected enrollments, and present enrollments
- Relocation factors: walking distance, hazards and safety factors, potential need for busing and building resale
- Physical plant factors: current physical conditions, flexibility, space utilization, operational costs, and age
- Adoption of a timetable outlining the process
- Community impact: property values, crime rate in school area and older neighborhoods

Any school closing or opening plan, or boundary changes, should include the provision for the acclimation of students, parents, and teachers from the closing and receiving schools. Boards of Education should remain responsible for deciding the non-school use and/or disposal of any school buildings. Decisions for leasing or selling closed schools should be based on detailed use proposals including impact on neighborhoods.

- F. Support inclusion of sustainability methods and environmental practices when making changes to district buildings and policies.

FINANCING LIBRARIES (1988)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports quality public libraries accessible to all segments of the population.

- A. Support equitable sharing of costs for public library services by municipalities and the county.
- B. Support administering and funding public libraries in a manner that encourages greater usage.
- C. Funding and space should be adequate to permit public libraries to meet changing information needs of their communities and a changing information environment.

FOX RIVER CORRIDOR (2006, joint position with LWV Appleton)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports actions by public and private entities to protect and improve the Fox River Corridor (including the Fox and Wolf rivers and Lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Poygan, and Winneconne) using the following guidelines:

Environmental Goals

- A. Water Quality
 - 1. Continue improvement of water quality
 - 2. Ensure that the US Army Corps of Engineers remains in charge of water level regulation through maintenance and operation of the dam system.
 - 3. Promote programs to reduce sediment and phosphorus pollution.
 - 4. Expand monitoring stations on lakes, rivers and streams.
 - 5. Support cooperative stormwater control projects.
- B. Natural Areas Protection
 - 1. Protect environmentally sensitive areas.
 - 2. Promote wetland and shoreland restoration.
 - 3. Encourage native vegetation and wildlife; discourage harmful non-native vegetation and wildlife.
- C. Riverbank and Lakeshore Protection
 - 1. Adopt a shoreland zoning ordinance.
 - 2. Prevent erosion.
 - 3. Regulate harmful boating activities.
 - 4. Protect scenic qualities by restricted tree cutting and appropriate replanting of native vegetation.
- D. Public Access
 - 1. Encourage hiking and biking trails near the waterfront.
 - 2. Provide public boat access, while protecting important natural areas.
 - 3. Promote public parks along the waterfront.

Economic Goals

- A. Encourage private and public development in the river corridor.
 - 1. Promote water friendly development.
 - 2. Avoid over-commercialization.
 - 3. Discourage gambling.
- B. Encourage a cooperative regional effort.
- C. Encourage public access to the water as part of new developments.
- D. Encourage coordination among public/private funding sources.

Historic Goals

- A. Promote the Fox River Heritage State Parkway as a means of saving natural and historic features.

- B. Support repair and operation of the historic locks navigation system, provided control of aquatic invasive species is addressed.
- C. Support historic preservation along the Fox River Corridor
- D. Encourage preservation of the visual fabric of the river through adaptive reuse of historic structures.
- E. Support cultural events and activities that preserve the area's sense of history.

Implementation Goals

- A. Support comprehensive land use plans of the communities in Fox River Corridor with respect to the riverfront and lakefront areas except where it conflicts with the guidelines above.
- B. Support any urban downtown plan which provides access to public hiking and biking trails.
- C. Promote and support waterfront goals and proposed actions in land use plans of the surrounding towns and Winnebago County, except where they conflict with guidelines above.

HOUSING (1997)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports affordable and fair housing for all segments of the population.

- A. Support housing recommendations contained in local comprehensive plans, with emphasis on these actions:
 - 1. Stabilize older neighborhoods
 - 2. Promote and support affordable housing
 - 3. Enhance environmental quality, promote good design and eliminate or reduce land use conflicts between housing developments of varying densities.
 - 4. Further fair housing practices.
 - 5. Provide housing opportunities for all segments of the population, including provision of housing to meet emergency needs.
- B. Support the adoption and encourage the use of an historic preservation ordinance as an important tool to maintain the economic viability and aesthetic desirability of architecturally unique older neighborhoods.
- C. Support the development of new housing in vacant or redeveloping areas within the central city and avoidance of sprawl on the edges of the city. In particular, we support development of residential units downtown, which will increase commercial viability.
- D. Support the following actions with reference to multi-family housing:
 - 1. Encourage mixed income occupancy in new multi-family housing developments.
 - 2. Support construction of new multi-family low income/subsidized housing project in smaller units on sites scattered throughout the community. Lower income families should not be segregated in large developments or neighborhoods. Such projects should offer convenient access to schools, public transportation, recreation, employment and should not be isolated from public services.
 - 3. Suggest that public lending agencies such as the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) should give high priority to the advice and concerns of local housing officials in considering approval of requests for building new multi-family projects, provided that local officials cooperate and encourage the construction of appropriate projects.
 - 4. Support efforts to increase or enhance landscaping provisions, setback restrictions, parking requirements, and appropriate buffers where multi-family housing abuts single and two-family housing.
 - 5. Encourage down-zoning in areas which are zoned multi-family or commercial but which have predominantly single and two family use.
- E. Support a minimum housing code meeting federal and state standards.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION (2003)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes local and area wide intergovernmental cooperation offers opportunities for more efficient and economical governmental services. Cooperative

approaches may achieve economies of scale; decrease costs; eliminate service duplication; promote safety, health, and welfare; preserve natural resources and ensure sound land use practices.

- A. Support a regional planning agency.
- B. Support a broad range of areas for cooperation, including but not limited to, planning, natural resources, land use, transportation, economic development, public services, housing, recreation, education and communications.
- C. Promote cooperative efforts based on principles of equity and political feasibility. Types of cooperation include, but are not limited to, ad hoc agreements, mutual aid, purchase of services, shared services, consolidation on a functional basis (e.g. joint fire departments), and multifunctional consolidation (e.g. city/town consolidation)

PARKS AND RECREATION (*updated April 2009*)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes parks, open space and recreational opportunities are important to the quality of life in urban areas. We support actions and policies that ensure park and recreational facilities are adequate to meet local and areawide needs now and in the future.

A. New Parks

- 1. Support acquisition of new park land where needed
- 2. Promote provisions for parks wherever new areas are subdivided
- 3. Promote green spaces as infill in developed areas
- 4. Encourage alternative methods of financing park acquisition

B. Facilities

- 1. Support safe, well-maintained facilities compatible with adjacent equipment/facilities and the surrounding neighborhood.
- 2. Promote park and recreational facilities and activities for all ages
- 3. Support adequate funding for park maintenance and improvements
- 4. Support protection of park areas from encroachment.
- 5. Support development and implementation of a pedestrian and bicycle plan that includes construction of walking and biking paths that connect key public facilities in the community and link to county and regional trails.
- 6. Encourage development of marine facilities to accommodate many types of craft.
- 7. Promote public access to the waterfront wherever possible
- 8. Support cultural facilities that enhance the community

C. Policies

- 1. Support continuation of a Parks Advisory Board with diverse interests
- 2. Promote timely updating and implementation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- 3. Support a comprehensive events policy that considers community, vendor and neighborhood needs.

D. Communication

- 1. Promote attractive and clear identification signage where appropriate.
- 2. Promote tasteful historic and other instructional or descriptive signs as needed
- 3. Ensure availability of up-to-date printed and electronic information about park and recreation facilities.

E. Sustainability

- 1. Ensure environmentally sound maintenance and management practices
- 2. Support preservation and enhancement of natural systems and open spaces
- 3. Promote naturalization of shorelines where feasible
- 4. Encourage use of natural landscaping and prevention and control of invasive species
- 5. Promote stormwater management practices in parks where feasible (rain gardens, parking lot vegetation, small retention ponds, swales, etc.)

6. Promote energy efficient facilities
 7. Support an aggressive urban reforestation program
- F. Cooperative Activities
1. Promote cooperative park-related activities among the city, school district, county and towns and encourage regional facilities and town parks where feasible.
 2. Promote interdepartmental cooperative planning between Parks, Community Development and Public Works where their missions overlap.

PCB CLEAN UP IN FOX RIVER (2005)

The River Leagues (Appleton, Green Bay, and Winnebago County) believe that the Fox River has and continues to be an important natural, recreational and economic resource for all area residents and the state of Wisconsin. The League believes that the public must be allowed meaningful and frequent comment regarding PCB activities, which influence the area's water and land resources.

- A. We support the effort to decrease the concentration of PCB's in the Fox River using site appropriate methods. Further, we support site specific, on-going monitoring of the river's water quality with periodic review of the implemented clean-up option for effectiveness.
- B. We believe the clean-up project should be conducted by the state and the paper companies in a collaborative venture based on a mutually accepted long-term plan.
- C. We believe the cost of the clean-up should be borne by the responsible parties and all available state and federal grant dollars.
- D. Pending statewide LWV study and concurrence, we support a state water quality tax, similar to the forestry tax, to improve the state's water resources and to provide a predictable, dependable and equitable funding source.
- E. While we currently believe the most economical way to dispose of sediments containing less than 50 ppm PCB's is in segregated appropriately engineered landfills close to the Fox River, we support the continued consideration of emerging technologies such as vitrification for sediments with PCB concentrations greater than 50 ppm. We believe that local governments along the Fox River should allow the development of such landfills for the sole purpose of disposal of PCB contaminated soil until new technologies are proven practical, cost effective and environmentally sound. We support molecule destruction over encapsulation at all PCB concentration levels whenever cost effective and environmentally sound technology is available.
- F. We support the state's on-going assumption of liability for government owned landfills designated for this purpose.
- G. We support that restitution funds for damages to the Fox River's environment be used for the primary purpose of wetland restoration, shoreline improvements, and public riverfront acquisition.

PUBLIC TRANSIT (1977, *updated 1996, revised 2010*)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County believes public transportation reduces air pollution, conserves energy, decreases traffic congestion and offers alternative modes of transportation throughout the county. We support policies aimed at ensuring transit meets the needs of area communities:

- A. Transit should serve demographic areas that generate consistent ridership.
 1. Promote compact development conducive to transit
 2. Promote development around existing transit service
 3. Provide transit accessible to work sites, schools, and locations such as banks, libraries, hospitals, recreational facilities and shopping centers.
 4. Support frequent review of ridership needs
- B. Service should consist of a mixture of fixed-route and paratransit service for all segments of the population. It should be convenient to compete with the automobile.
 1. Support fixed-route service to meet these standards: on time, affordable, operate frequently on clearly marked routes, time efficient for riders and accessible for people with disabilities. Bike racks should be available.

2. Support evening and weekend service.
- C. Funding should be sufficient to maintain an adequate level of service.
 1. Support alternative methods of financing.
 2. Support Regional Transit Authorities where appropriate to create funding authorities for local options.
 3. Promote energy efficient vehicles and transit facilities.
- D. Intercity public transportation should be available to meet area needs.
 1. Develop Park and Ride sites along major travel lanes.
 2. Support intercity public transit where feasible.
 3. Promote long term planning for multi-modal transportation systems to link our area with other communities (e. g. rail lines, light rail, dedicated rapid transit lanes, commuter bike ways).

RECYCLING (1990, updated 2001)

The League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports mandatory curbside recycling in urban areas:

- A. **Continue citizen education throughout cities and towns.**
 - Education has been the key to successful recycling.
 - Multilingual educational material needs to be readily available.
- B. Limit the amount of landfill- bound waste.
 - Additional charges should be levied for excess landfill -bound garbage generated beyond an amount specified by local or county governments.
 - Citizens should be encouraged to purchase items in bulk to avoid excess packaging.
- C. The following materials should be banned from the landfill and diverted to recycling programs:
 - White goods (discarded stoves, refrigerators, etc.)
 - Waste oil, batteries & tires
 - Paint and chemicals
 - Newspapers, paper, packaging and containers.
 - Electronics
 - Pharmaceuticals
- D. Encourage state participation in financing this state mandate.
- E. Support community-wide hazardous waste disposal programs for such items as paint and potentially toxic chemicals. Programs should continue to be well publicized and easily accessible for maximum citizen participation and should be held at least once a year.

SOCIAL POLICY (2001)

Consistent with LWV-U.S. and LWV-Wisconsin positions, the League of Women Voters of Winnebago County supports programs, services and policies that combat discrimination, provide for basic human needs, mitigate impacts of poverty, develop citizenship skills, and recognize the special needs of refugees, immigrant groups, and other minorities.