



LWVT REGIONAL PROGRAM

Environment

Support of the Lake Erie Basin Committee and of measures to preserve and restore Lake Erie and its tributaries.

Land Use

Support of:

1. Continued development of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and its restoration and preservation as an open green area.
2. Policies to ensure adequate funding, necessary land acquisition, preservation of green space, coordination and citizen involvement in the Summit Metro Parks.

Mass Transit

Support of mass transportation in Summit County and coordination of all land use planning with transportation.

County Government

1. Support methods that improve the fiscal management and the operation of Summit County Government through the Summit County Charter.
 - a. Modern and appropriate accounting system with timely capital and operation annual budget adoptions.
 - b. An executive council form of government.
 - c. Election of department heads who make policy and appointments of those who administer policy.
 - d. Appointment of an independent auditor.
 - e. A personnel system based on merit.
2. Review of countywide tax levies and prevailing system of submission of individual tax levies by non-elected boards.

Social Policy

1. Support of programs for the aged in Summit County, including housing assistance (government, voluntary or private), financial assistance and social service.
2. Support for programs that help the developmentally challenged to meet their basic human needs.
3. Support an effective planning process, adequate funding and provision for the most appropriate treatment and services for persons with disabilities.
4. Support equal access to affordable housing for all income levels.

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Supports voluntary intergovernmental collaborative agreements which reduce costs, foster transparency and accountability, improve efficiencies and maintain service standards. Such agreements:

1. Are appropriate at local, county, metropolitan, multiple-county or regional levels;
2. Should be practical and of manageable size; and
3. Should demonstrate the interconnectedness of all neighboring communities.