

LWVT LOCAL PROGRAM

Public Education

The Tallmadge League supports quality education in the academic and vocational areas in the Tallmadge City Schools. We believe that continued efforts should be maintained to assure the quality of the academic and special education programs. We believe that the community must demonstrate adequate support of the school system through appropriate local financing of public education. The Tallmadge League supports efforts to achieve appropriate support for the local schools from the state. We support efforts to achieve appropriate support for the local schools from the state. We support efforts to evaluate and improve our public schools as they strive to maintain and meet state standards.

Local Housing

The Tallmadge League supports guaranteed equal access to decent housing for all and continues to evaluate housing in Tallmadge, including senior citizen housing, low income apartments, group family homes, condominium dwellings and single family dwellings.

Local Land Use, Planning and Zoning

The Tallmadge League supports the Tallmadge Comprehensive Plan for land use and supports zoning patterns that create and conserve open spaces and preserve scenic, historic and cultural resources. The League voted to update this position at the 2001 Annual Meeting.

Government

The Tallmadge League supports a charter form of government that is dependent on the will of the voters rather than state government.

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 Recreation Area 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 Metropolitan Park System serving Summit County.

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 mentally retarded 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 severe mental disabilities.

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.