



Environmental Advocacy





We are a nonpartisan political organization.
We work to increase public understanding of major policy issues.
We influence public policy through education and advocacy.



The U.S. League of Women Voters Position on
Natural Resources

Natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems.

Resources should be conserved and protected to assure future availability.

Pollution of resources should be controlled in order to preserve the integrity of ecosystems and to protect public health.



The U.S. League of Women Voters Position on
Climate Change

Calls for prompt action to cut this country's GHG emissions, invest in clean energy, and help the world's poorest countries tackle the challenges of climate change.

Supports climate goals that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations.



The League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region (LWVLMR)

The LWVLMR promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and acts on selected governmental issues affecting the Lake Michigan watershed.

It is made up of 48 local Leagues within the Lake Michigan watershed, along with the four state Leagues.

The League of Women Voters of Indiana (LWVIN)

Studies key public policy issues in an unbiased manner.

Enables people to seek positive solutions to these issues through education.

Believes in respect for individuals, the value of diversity, and grassroots empowerment.

Applies these principles to its environmental advocacy at the state level and through the actions of its 24 local chapters across the state.

Water



Clean water is a top action priority for the LWVIN.

We have opposed rollbacks in Ohio River pollution standards and Lake Michigan discharge violations, as well as safeguarding the rivers and streams in between.

Wetlands



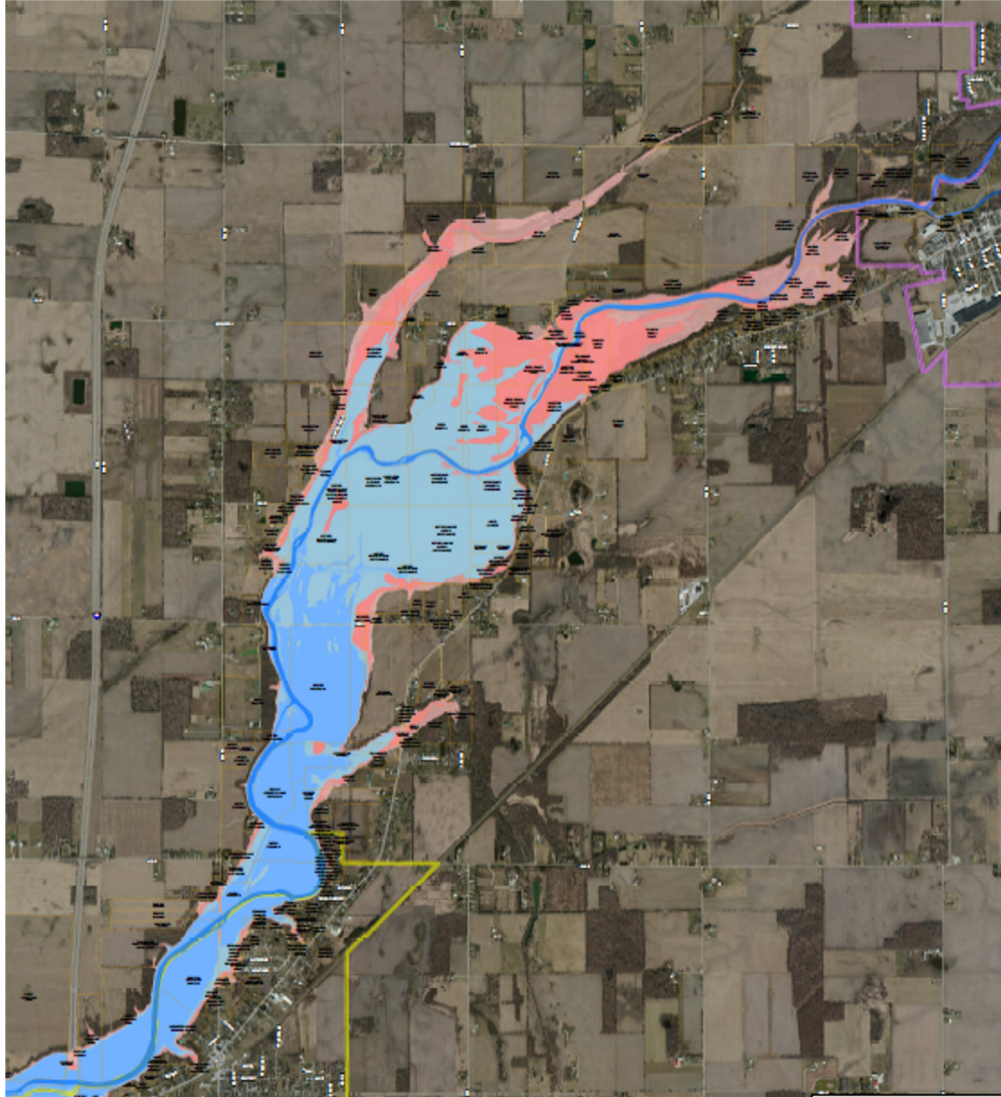
The LWVIN joined the coalition that reduced, but did not stop efforts to weaken wetland protections in the last legislative session.

Mounds Greenway



Local Leagues in Anderson and Muncie-Delaware County are working with HEC to establish the Mounds Greenway in the White River corridor.

Mounds Lake Project



After careful study, LWV Muncie-Delaware County overwhelmingly agreed to oppose the Mounds Lake Project, which would have built a dam and reservoir on the White River.

Lake Michigan Shoreline



We joined with other groups to achieve legislative confirmation of the Indiana Supreme Court ruling that the public has access to the shoreline up to the high water line.

The LWVIN and local Indiana Leagues are active members of the League of Women Voters Lake Monroe Region, which is dedicated to lake protection.

Lake Monroe



The LWV of Bloomington-Monroe County Natural Resources Committee collaborated with Friends of Lake Monroe to convene a community forum for public input on the development of a management plan for Lake Monroe.

Forests



We prepared a briefing on state forest management, which was distributed to League members as background for creating a state forest commission and to oppose harmful Indiana General Assembly bills.

Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)



We opposed Indiana General Assembly efforts to weaken CAFO regulations.

Local leagues have also taken action regarding CAFO issues in their communities.

Steel Mills



We personally presented a formal statement of concern to the IDEM Commissioner regarding pollution discharge into Lake Michigan.

We also signed on to letters of concern regarding such pollution.

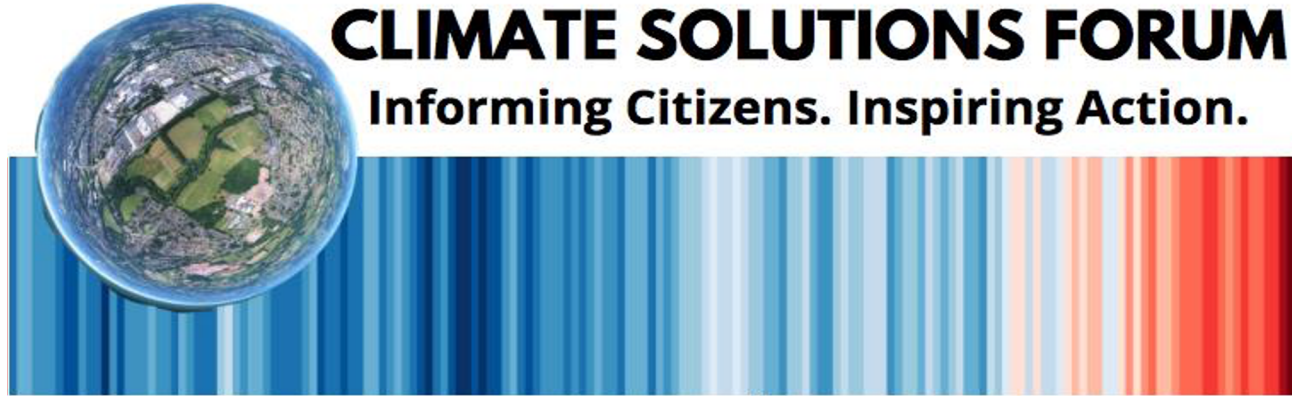
Coal



We signed on to objections about coal ash disposal in Michigan City.

We have promoted educational opportunities about the dangers these sites around the state pose to the health of Indiana residents.

Addressing Climate Change



The Bloomington-Monroe County LWV collaborated with Citizens' Climate Lobby to convene a community forum to explore the impacts of climate change in Indiana and the potential of carbon pricing to effectively reduce carbon emissions.

Solar and Wind Energy



The LWVIN works aggressively to promote the shift to renewable energy.



We have opposed legislative efforts to slow down the shift from coal to renewables.

We have strongly supported reversal of the net metering law that disincentivizes rooftop solar.

Implementation of Environmental Goals



We take action through our:

Educational programs

*Testimony and letters to
government entities and
others*

Member action alerts



Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy

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