

League of Women Voters of McHenry County
Local Programs 2016-2017

Alternatives for Managing Solid Waste: McHenry County should not rely primarily on landfills for solid waste disposal. Recycling, waste to energy, re-use and composting should be strongly encouraged. Alternatives need to be addressed for items that do not decompose or are damaging to the environment. Examples are electronics, Styrofoam, medicines and medical wastes. An ongoing advisory committee should monitor solid waste facilities in McHenry County (3/84).

Groundwater: Maintain groundwater reserves and infrastructure to insure availability of safe and continually adequate potable drinking water without contamination. Encourage the use of rain barrels and permeable surfaces. (5/86)

Health: Support the statewide cancer registry, which provides specific geographical information on cancer occurrences thus enabling communities to track cancer incidence in a timely way. (4/85)

Housing: Monitor, promote and support the development and availability of -income housing in McHenry County for families, the homeless and the elderly. (No date available).

Referenda Consensus: Citizens should have the necessary tools to become informed voters when a referendum is presented to the electorate for approval. With the assistance of information provided by the League of Women Voters of Western Springs, Illinois and Springfield, Illinois, the following criteria have been established for that purpose.

1. Opportunity has been provided for citizen participation in the development of the proposed change.
2. The governing body has demonstrated the need for additional funding in the following ways:
 - a. Documentation of the need with facts and figures giving the source of this information
 - b. Demonstration of long range planning with projections of income and expenses
 - c. What amounts is in the reserve and how has it been affected?
 - d. Implementation of cost effective measures.
 - e. Consideration of alternative financing
 - f. Exploration of efforts with the other units of government. (2/91)

Violence: Raise awareness of the need for services to break the cycle of violence against women, children and men of McHenry County. (No date available)