



Natural Resources

POSITIONS

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania believes that natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems.

Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability. Pollution of these resources should be controlled in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of ecosystems with maximum protection of public health and the environment.



Natural Gas Extraction From Marcellus Shale

LWVPA supports the maximum protection of public health and the environment in all aspects of Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction, storage, transmission, waste disposal, inspection, and enforcement. The League further advocates for transparency and responsiveness to stakeholder input in all aspects of natural resources management.



Pipelines

LWVPA supports the maximum protection of public health and the environment in all aspects of Marcellus Shale natural gas transmission operations through improved siting, regulation, inspection, and enforcement that is transparent and responsive to stakeholder input.



Water Resources

LWVPA supports measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater, and drinking water.



Land Use

LWVPA supports more comprehensive statewide land use planning and adoption of a comprehensive land use policy; support a comprehensive program for the preservation of agricultural and open space lands for Pennsylvania; promote environmentally sound agricultural practices in Pennsylvania.



Property Rights

LWVPA supports the 2006 Pennsylvania Property Rights Protection Act without amendment, the adoption of minimum spacing requirements, and the pooling of properties between corporate entities to maximize efficiencies and reduce risk.