

2009-2010 Local Program

The LWV of Knox County Board of Directors recommends the following local program for 2009-2010:

Retain local positions on:

- Child Care
- Domestic Violence
- Economic Development
- Solid Waste Recycling
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Planning and Zoning
- Impact of Illegal Drugs in Knox County
- Visioning for Knox County's Future

Proposed Action Agenda: Visioning for Knox County's Future

Scope:

Support the LWV of Knox County's position on *Visioning for Knox County's Future* by continued action on issues relating to HOUSING in KNOX COUNTY and adopt an action agenda to focus on HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES in KNOX COUNTY.

Outlook for Work:

Bring together ALL county wide stakeholders and League members to develop and support programs and/or plans that address county wide housing issues and issues relating to healthcare and social services with a focus on Communication, Collaboration, Regionalism and Community Pride (3CPR).

Housing issues to address will include:

- Community support of current and new initiatives addressing affordable housing.
- Support the growth of Neighborhood watch groups and associations countywide to include safety, neighborhood pride, assistance with neighborhood projects, and care of properties.
- Increase efforts to clean-up communities and develop community pride.
- Address issues regarding rental properties and increase enforcement of rental property ordinances.
- Develop programs to assist homeowners in need with maintenance and repairs of existing housing.

2009-2010 New Program: TOWNSHIP GOVERNANCE IN KNOX COUNTY

Scope:

Study township governance in Knox County to inform members and citizens about the services, duties and costs of this form of government as well as explore county alternatives to township delivery of services

Outlook for Work:

Research township governance in Knox County by using and analyzing the following:

- Published financial reports of the most recent calendar year as the basis for financial information and analysis.
- Interview the 10 township trustees in Knox County using a common interview form designed to gather specific information, elicit open-ended responses and allow for contrast and comparison between the offices.
- Study the report of the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform to understand recommendations
- Review the State Board of Accounts audit for each of the trustees for the most recent two-year period.
- Interview local, state and national experts concerning fire and medical emergency services, library services, and cemetery care.
- Review policies, procedures and services provided for temporary assistance in each township.

Analyze findings and report to the community the impact of trustee governance on Knox County citizens and how Commission recommendation will impact Knox County if implemented. Based on findings, make recommendations for best practices in providing addressed county services.

Timeline:

Form committee to research and interview trustees and experts throughout summer and early fall.

- Begin analyzing findings by end of September.
- Put together a report of findings by end of October
- Report to the community in November