

PARKS AND RECREATION – 1972

The League of Women Voters of Juneau takes the position that public agencies have a responsibility for planning for the recreation needs of the community, for seeing that sufficient open space and parkland is reserved for this use, and for programming activities for its citizens.

Development of recreation areas should be compatible with the environment.

Members of the Juneau League are in agreement on these particular points:

Land Acquisition

Concerning land for open space and recreation, the League feels strongly that land acquisition should have priority over development of lands already obtained.

Juneau is in a period of rapid growth and development. In this time of land selection and planning, and in this way, the Borough will be able to purchase land which meets the requirements of planning for present and future recreational needs.

Coordination

We believe that there should be coordination between the various agencies involved in recreation in the use of facilities and in programming for all citizens of the community.

Trails

The League believes that trail maintenance and development should have a greater emphasis in the Juneau area. We feel trails should be developed that will eliminate conflict of uses and that will consider the safety of all users of the trails. We favor limited development in remote (off the road system) areas, primarily in additional trail development and maintenance.

Facilities for the Older and Handicapped

The Juneau League supports and encourages, including in public planning, consideration for our older and handicapped citizens. League members believe there is an unmet need beyond recreation needs for them. We recommend supplying facilities for their rest, comfort and safety.