

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ESTES PARK, COLORADO

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY POSITION AND DEFINITION

POSITION: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

The League of Women Voters of Estes Park (LWVEP) supports governmental actions that are consistent with the following definition of a Sustainable Community for Estes Park.

LWVEP DEFINITION: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY FOR ESTES PARK

The Estes Park League of Women Voters defines a sustainable community for Estes Park (and Estes Valley) as a community that balances social, economic and environmental values and includes the following:

1. Recognition of a **healthy tourist industry** and the **permanent resident population** as equally important components of Estes Park's life and economy. Support of the development of quality services that balance the needs of permanent residents with those of the tourist industry.
2. Support of tourism that emphasizes the **natural assets** of the area.
3. Preservation of the **mountain environment** and recognition that environmental protection and economic development can be complementary.
4. Recognition of the relationship of Estes Park to Rocky Mountain National Park, and endorsement of Estes Park's effort to be a model National Park **gateway community**.
5. Honoring the diversity of the citizenry and supporting community leadership that is representative and inclusive of diverse interests.
6. Recognition of the importance of **communication** among the various constituencies within the community.
7. Support of basic public services, attainable housing, good education, health care and adequate transportation for all its citizens.
8. Fostering development of the **cultural arts**.
9. Recognition of the values, traditions and history of the community.

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