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## PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Across the nation and around the world, individual communities face a similar challenge: How do we grow economically while still conserving our natural resources? The League works to raise awareness of how local communities can create a more sustainable future. Through publications, media outreach, and direct action, our members learn about different approaches, and then find ways to incorporate them into their own communities. At the state and national levels, we advocate for agriculture, energy, public lands, and wetland policies that balance economic use with resource conservation. At the international level, we support funding for integrated development and lead study tours to learn firsthand how communities abroad are addressing this complex issue.

### LOCAL AND STATE ACTION

Successful communities combine visionary leadership with long-term planning and collaboration to conserve natural resources and proactively manage growth. League members help to make their own communities more sustainable by establishing recycling programs, working with businesses and schools to make buildings more energy efficient, protecting open space, and working with zoning boards to promote smart growth and conserve natural resources.

At the state and national levels, the League works to promote sustainable resource policies on energy, farm policy, wetlands and public lands. To reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil and better protect our environment, the League works to promote increased energy efficiency and use of renewable sources of energy. By promoting responsible stewardship of our farmland and advocating for improvements in farm policy, the League helps ensure that American farms meet our need for food while also conserving soil, grasslands, and habitat for fish and wildlife. Through publications, workshops, and technical assistance, we provide citizens and decision-makers the information and tools they need to monitor and protect America's public lands and clean water.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOURS

The League advocates for increased federal funding to support integrated development abroad. In addition, the League organizes study tours of sustainable communities to learn firsthand how different countries and communities are working to balance population growth, development and environmental protection. When League members return to their hometowns, they share what they have learned with others in their local communities by participating in educational events, doing media outreach, and educating decision-makers.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

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