

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
2015 Resolutions**

**Committee:** Rivers, Streams & Water Resources

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**Protect Urban Missouri Streams with Vegetated Buffers**

**WHEREAS**, native vegetated stream buffers in urban areas help the environment by providing food and habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, vegetated stream buffers help prevent stream degradation from stream bank erosion, prevent steep slope disturbance, help to filter pollutants and provide stream temperature regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, urban vegetated stream buffers benefit the landowner by providing flood control, increased property values and decrease the need for engineering controls to protect property and structures; and

**WHEREAS**, some communities have setbacks areas in place such as the City of Columbia and St. Charles County; and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration between landowners, cities and contractors will produce low impact development in urban areas; now, therefore, be it resolved

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 22nd day of March, 2015 recommends for future development that all Missouri urban communities adopt and implement ordinances requiring native vegetated stream setback areas of a minimum of 25-50 feet.