

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2016 Resolutions**

Committee: Rivers and Streams Committee

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**Create the Missouri Corporate and Community Aquatic
Restoration Team (MoCCART)**

WHEREAS, Missouri Corporate and Community Aquatic Restoration Team (MoCCART) would provide benefits to Missouri's aquatic resources while taking advantage and expanding existing partnerships with companies and communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Wetland Restoration Partnership provides a mechanism to raise funds for wetland and aquatic restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, it currently has active groups in about a dozen states, none of which are in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) have previously combined efforts to create the Missouri Stream Team Program which has been a successful partnership and program for the last twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, MDC, DNR, and CFM should combine efforts to establish this program in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, MDC, DNR, and CFM can recruit corporate partners with a history of interest in conservation such as CFM business alliance members to take the lead roles in the organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 20th day of March, 2016, recommend that the Missouri Department of Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, and the Conservation Federation of Missouri combine efforts to create the Missouri Corporate and Community Aquatic Restoration Team.