

Committee: Forestry

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Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service (USFS) has undertaken implementation of urban Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) plots across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the information collected regards urban tree populations, including size, condition, location, and canopy cover; and

WHEREAS, the information influences the USFS in their treatment and diagnosis of tree diseases and the impact of invasive species in urban forests and natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, additional data collection from more locations would widen the scope of the inventory to increase the amount of data points; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has partnered with the USFS to intensify plots in the St. Louis metropolitan area and to implement the plots in Springfield and Kansas City metropolitan area; 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, encourage the USFS and MDC to maintain funding and support of the FIA in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Springfield and St. Louis metropolitan areas.