

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2014 Resolutions**

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**CFM Encourages DNR to Research and
Develop Means to Address Historic Waste Disposal Sites**

WHEREAS, historic waste disposal sites pose human health threats, environmental concerns, and a public nuisance for surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, many of these sites have not been located; and

WHEREAS, the known sites in many cases still need to be assessed for both human health and environmental risk; and

WHEREAS, historic waste disposal sites have the potential to become superfund sites; and

WHEREAS, such sites can contaminate soil, surface water and groundwater as well as generate explosive gases; and

WHEREAS, many of the contaminants of such sites can cause cancer and other health problems; and

WHEREAS, historic waste disposal sites do not meet current research-based standards; and

WHEREAS, in some cases no responsible party remains for the upkeep or monitoring of such sites which is costly; and

WHEREAS, no specific funding sources exist to address these historic waste disposal sites; and

WHEREAS, improperly maintained sites could deter future development of the area; and

WHEREAS, future development impacts economic growth; and

WHEREAS, a plan is necessary to address the negative impacts of historic waste disposal sites: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 23rd day of March 2014, encourages the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and other interested parties to research and develop means to address historic waste disposal sites.