



2009 Environmental and Conservation Public Policy and Legislative Agenda

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CAFOs and Sustainable Agriculture

- 2009 Legislative Goals
 - Defend local communities' abilities to regulate factory farms
 - Defend Stricter than Federal Regulations for water
 - Create factory farm buffer zone around state parks
- 2009 Administrative Policy Goals
 - Promote Missouri sustainable agriculture by strengthening independent markets through purchasing preferences of farmer-owned products for state programs and low-interest/revolving loans
 - Promote CAFO enforcement
 - Raise permit fees to fund research on CAFO impacts

Climate Change

- Request that the Nixon administration:
 - Sign and participate in the Midwest Governors' [Energy Security and Climate Change Platform](#) and [Greenhouse Gas Accord](#).
 - Establish and appoint a Climate Action Commission to study and report on climate change in Missouri, and to develop a Climate Action Plan for the state.
 - Update the [Missouri Greenhouse Gas Emission Trends](#) and [Action Options for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#) reports.
 - Establish a green jobs program infrastructure, spearheaded by the Economic Development Office, but also involving other departments of the state government. Program can be established in coordination with and await funding from the anticipated federal stimulus package.

CWIP

- 2009 Legislative Goals
 - Retain the existing law that bans charging electric ratepayers for [Construction Work in Progress](#) (CWIP).

Energy Efficiency

- 2009 Legislative Goals
 - Enact a [statewide energy building code](#) for residential and commercial buildings (Missouri is only one of seven states *without* statewide codes).
 - Encourage energy efficiency through [Energy Efficiency Standards](#), a [Clean Energy Fund](#), and utility incentives for demand side resources.
- Long-term Legislative Goals
 - Incentivize energy audits for residents and contractors.

Green Building

- 2009 Legislative Goals
 - Require [LEED Silver Certification](#) for all state-owned, state-leased and state funded new construction and major renovation.
 - Increase funding for [green schools](#) (LEED certification for new construction and major renovation).
- Long-term Legislative Goals
 - Create a green school caucus in state legislature.
 - Require LEED for Existing Buildings-Operations and Maintenance Certification for all state-owned and state-leased buildings.
 - Incentivize LEED in private development of commercial, institutional and residential buildings. Tax abatement for LEED in new construction/major renovations and existing buildings (maintenance and operations focused) so that developer/owner receives up to 15% return on investment (ROI).
 - Incentivize weatherization, energy efficient appliances, regional material use, etc. for building owners and landlords – especially for affordable and low-income housing.
 - Require Home Energy Ratings for homes at point of sale.

Sand and Gravel Mining

- 2009 Legislative Goals
 - Defend against any legislation that removes restrictions on removing gravel from stream beds.

Solid Waste Reduction

- 2009 Legislative Goals
 - Re-authorize expiring [waste tire](#) law
 - Support [limits on plastic bag usage](#) (part of a proposed wider-ranging green bill)
- Long-term Legislative Goals
 - [Ban e-waste in landfills](#) statewide
 - Increase solid waste district tipping fees
 - Incentivize state recycling of commercial, industrial and institutional entities
 - Encourage “pay as you throw” trash fees and community-based composting

- 2009 Administrative policy goals
 - Request that Nixon administration create green jobs relating to solid waste/recycling
 - Partner with economic development to create local end markets of recycled materials

Transportation

- 2009 Legislative Goals
 - Direct Missouri Department of Transportation (MO DOT) to adopt an official [Context Sensitive Solutions/Complete Streets](#) policy in future state transportation planning
- Long-term Legislative Goals
 - Look at tolling authority and possibility of toll roads in state
 - Incentivize [transit-oriented development](#) (TOD), such as encouraging the inclusion of TOD language in MO DOT transportation plans and sponsoring of a TOD “demonstration” study to illustrate the planning and implementation process and serve as a model.
 - Direct MODOT to adopt a [Green Highways program](#), possibly adopting a ratings scoring system for new state roads and bridges similar to [New York State’s Green LITES](#) program.
 - Create a Missouri [Living Roads Trust Fund](#) (modeled after Iowa’s) to fund projects that beautify state and county highways through native plantings.
 - Allow income tax deduction for the purchase of a hybrid motor vehicle. [2009 bill](#) was introduced by Rep. David Sater.
 - Bicycle-related legislation outlined by the Missouri Bike Federation.
- 2009 Administrative policy goals
 - Encourage changes in transportation funding formula to increase support for mass transit