

1 **Conservation Federation of Missouri** #2021-6
2 **2021 Resolutions**

3 **Originating Committee: Public and Private Lands**

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5 **Intended Recipient(s):** St. Charles City Council, St. Charles Mayor Dan Borgmeyer, St. Charles County
6 Executive Steve Ehlmann, St. Charles County Council, Senator Bill Eigel, and Representative Paula
7 Brown

8 **Oppose St. Charles City's Proposed Riverpointe Development near Bangert Island Park**

9 **WHEREAS**, this project advances destructive and unnecessary floodplain development by
10 filling valuable ecologically productive river bottomland, and damages old growth riparian
11 forest, the existence of which is unusual in an urban setting; and

12 **WHEREAS**, building this development close to the river requires that at least 15.5 acres
13 of productive wetlands be lost and at least 400 feet of streamside damaged, which is unnecessary
14 since the plan no longer calls for a water feature and could be set back sufficiently to avoid these
15 losses to the natural floodplain and important wildlife habitat and corridors; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it negatively affects the existing Katy Trail State Park and Bangert Island Park
17 wetlands while offering questionable offsets to the negative impacts of moving the trail and loss
18 of floodplain and wildlife habitat; and

19 **WHEREAS**, a mile of Katy Trail corridor along and through a mature riparian forest is to be
20 replaced by rerouting the trail through an urban corridor of newly constructed businesses and
21 multi-family residences; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the St. Charles area riverfront already experiences periods of high water due to the
23 loss of floodplain acres and wetlands, and the addition of impervious concrete surfaces will
24 increase runoff in the affected area; and

25 **WHEREAS**, this pinching in of the river valley will continue the ongoing process of raising
26 water levels and velocity of the river during frequent flood events, and damaging areas
27 downstream; now, therefore, be it

28 **RESOLVED**, that the Conservation Federation of Missouri, assembled this 6th day of March,
29 2021, asks Mayor Dan Borgmeyer, Senator Bill Eigel, Representative Paula Brown, and
30 members of the St. Charles City and County Councils to cease construction and funding of this
31 large-scale development until plans are in place to further reduce or eliminate the deleterious
32 effects of the project on the parks, natural floodplain ecosystem, and wildlife in the project area.

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