

- b. Promote the production and marketing of industrial hemp in Missouri, including doing research into the many uses of hemp as an alternative to fossil fuel products and as a less toxic way to process products and as a way to capture carbon from the air.
- c. Maintain the Missouri Department of Conservation and enhance its mission to:
  - i. Monitor and enhance the numbers and diversity of wildlife populations and protect native ecosystems;
  - ii. Conduct outdoor education programs and encourage engagement with nature.
- d. Protect and establish state and local parks, and grant protected status to areas of great natural beauty and unique ecological value.

**Section 6. Waste.**

The corporate growth economy encourages waste on a massive scale. Landfills are overflowing. Toxic chemicals abound. Throwaway plastic has become a plague.

- a. Redirect food waste to distribution channels while it is still edible, then to composting.
- b. Ban disposable plastic shopping bags.
- c. Forbid the burning of waste or biomass for energy.
- d. Fund academic research at public universities that develops natural fiber substitutes for paper products and plant-based plastic substitutes that are locally grown, biodegradable, require no toxic chemicals for production, and produce no toxic waste.
- e. Require manufacturers to eliminate environmentally damaging waste in excessive packaging and the making of “junk” products.