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**Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE) thanks Heather Navarro for seven years of service as she moves on from Executive Director of the organization.**

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St. Louis, MO: MCE thanked Heather B. Navarro for her seven-plus years of service as the organization's Executive Director and announced that they will be hiring a new director to start this fall.

Navarro first became familiar with MCE as a student attorney in the Interdisciplinary Environmental Law Clinic at Washington University, working on policy initiatives.

Since accepting the role as Executive Director in 2013, her innovative, respected stewardship of MCE helped win many achievements, including but not limited to: the expansion of water quality standards in Missouri, a commitment to the cleanup of West Lake Landfill and the launch of the *Known & Grown* initiative, which supports local farmers while providing access to local, sustainable food.

When asked to reflect on her years of service, Navarro explained: "I'm extremely proud of what we've accomplished. It's been an honor to lead the organization through its 50th year, especially, as we embraced new approaches to advocacy, re-established a presence in mid-Missouri, and built new partnerships."

Stephen Mahfood, MCE Board member and former Director for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, expressed that: "MCE has been extremely fortunate to have Heather Navarro as Executive Director. We have the highest regard and deep appreciation for her leadership and counsel, as we position MCE for the next 50 years."

Ms. Navarro looks forward to spending more time with her family and will continue her service on the St. Louis Board of Aldermen.

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Missouri Coalition for the Environment, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) state-level conservation organization, is a force for clean air, clean water and clean energy in Missouri. Since 1969 it has educated and activated Missourians to protect the land we all love. MCE's web address is: [www.moenvironment.org](http://www.moenvironment.org).