

Resolution to Create Recycling and Composting Education Kit for K-12 Schools

Whereas, as of January 2016, over 85,000 acres of Wisconsin land has been converted into landfills, permanently altering the native wildlife and ecosystems (Wisconsin DNR); and

Whereas, in 2015, over 8.2 million tons of waste were disposed amongst 63 landfills in Wisconsin (Wisconsin DNR); and

Whereas, environmental and recycling education are very important at an early age to establish environmental knowledge and habits (Semrau 2017); and

Whereas, education and advocacy is a critical component to the mission statement of the Air, Waste, and Remediation & Redevelopment (AWaRe) Division of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation has 30 education trunks and kits while none include a recycling and composting component. (Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation 2017); and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has four wildlife education trunks currently that are actively used 10 months out of the year by many schools and educational camps; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Chapter PI 8 legislative mandate states "Environmental education objectives and activities shall be integrated into the kindergarten through grade 12 sequential curriculum plans" (Third page 6.b);

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting April 21st and 22nd, 2017, in Wisconsin Rapids requests that the staff of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation collaborate with Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation and the Air, Water, and Remediation & Redevelopment (AWaRe) Division of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to establish an education kit focusing on recycling and composting for K-12 education and make the kit available to K-12 schools and camps in the same manner as WWF's current wildlife education trunks.

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