METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANACOSTIA WATERSHED STORMWATER BIORETENTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Anacostia River watershed is a regional priority in the Washington Metropolitan Area, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has a continuing interest in its restoration, management and protection; and

WHEREAS, COG adopted Resolution R28-2006 establishing an Anacostia Watershed Partnership (Partnership) with responsibility for adoption and oversight of the regional programs, policies and projects to effect watershed-wide restoration; and

WHEREAS, COG has provided coordination, management, and technical support for the Anacostia restoration effort since 1987; and

WHEREAS, this storm water bioretention project at the Langston Golf Course and Kenilworth Park, is a collaborative effort between COG, the Partnership, and the National Park Service to intercept the flow of storm water into the Anacostia watershed and Nash Run, a primary tributary; and

WHEREAS the Anacostia River is among the most polluted in the Nation, and storm water is the primary cause of pollution in the Anacostia; and

WHEREAS, educational signage will be erected to allow the many visitors to the Langston Golf Course and Kenilworth Park to learn about bioretention; and

WHEREAS, improving water quality of the Anacostia River, as a tributary to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay, supports the State Watershed Implementation Plan requirements and Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for a Chesapeake Bay pollution diet to achieve improved Bay water quality by 2025; and

WHEREAS, this project will help provide storm water bioretention cost-benefit information for our local governments, some of which have storm water retrofit requirements as a result of the Bay TMDL and MS4 permits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT

The Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept and expend grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, with the expected duration of the grant to be through September 2013, for the purpose of implementing a storm water bioretention site at the Langston Golf Course in the Anacostia Watershed, and no COG matching funds are required.