

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING REGARDING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS FOR MONITORING AND
ASSESSING WATER QUALITY IN THE STREAMS AND RIVERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE
BAY WATERSHED**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has a continuing interest in the management and protection of streams and rivers in the COG region; and

WHEREAS, the COG has coordinated Potomac River water quality monitoring activities of twelve local, state and federal agencies since 1982; and

WHEREAS, regional water quality monitoring will continue to be required to assess water quality conditions and pollutant loads to streams and rivers as the region continues to develop and implement best management practices designed to minimize the impacts of urbanization; and

WHEREAS, regional water quality monitoring and Potomac River fall line data will continue to be required to assist in the upgrade and implementation of Chesapeake Bay modeling efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the region for COG to work cooperatively with other Chesapeake Bay Program partners to integrate existing and planned local, citizen, state, interstate, and federal water quality monitoring programs.

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 authorized to execute a memorandum of understanding among the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, the State of New York, the State of West Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, and COG for the purpose of promoting cooperative monitoring and assessment of streams and rivers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. No COG matching funds are required.
