

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN COG AND THE
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION URBAN FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION
SUPPORTING URBAN WASTE WOOD RECOVERY AND UTILIZATION DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT AND BIOSOLIDS COMPOSTING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) plays an important role in promoting green infrastructure programs throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, urban forests and associated street trees are a valuable and substantial portion of the region's green infrastructure and COG has a continued interest in promoting and demonstrating new, environmentally friendlier and potentially profitable techniques for reducing the region's wood-related waste stream associated with the removal of urban trees; and

WHEREAS, COG is a recognized leader working in partnership with various governmental, and non-governmental organizations to promote green infrastructure programs and new green technologies, including the processing of otherwise discarded timber into various useful wood products, and to further disseminate knowledge of the value of these techniques to its members, businesses and citizens in the region; and

WHEREAS, a regional waste wood recovery demonstration project is a vehicle to unite the growing interest in issues that affect our nation's intelligent use and recycling of its natural resources, as well as supporting new environmentally-based business opportunities close to home; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to cultivate an intra-regional market for biosolids products and to demonstrate their viable use in both rural and urban areas. Tree planting efforts represent a unique opportunity to use biosolids compost to amend typically poor urban soil regimes. Furthermore, use of biosolids compost in nearby urban areas reduces transportation costs and thereby reduces vehicle emissions to the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, COG has an interest in assisting its members with new technologies for the management of their forestry and recycling programs as well as regional waste, that promote new approaches leading to a reduction in both the quantity of materials to be land-filled and associated costs and in developing programs to accomplish multiple goals for industry and environment.

**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 sign a 'Grant Agreement' with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation Urban Forestry Administration for the purposes of supporting an urban waste wood recovery and utilization demonstration project and biosolids research project with the District Government. This Agreement provides funds to COG and to its sub-grantees identified in the amount of \$40,000. No COG match is required. The project duration is two years.