

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**777 North Capitol Street, N.E.**

**Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ANACOSTIA RIVER WATERSHED REFORESTATION-RELATED SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, riparian forests play a critical role in the ecological health of the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Council) is both a nationally recognized watershed restoration and forestry leader and has provided coordination, management, and technical support since 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has a continuing interest in the restoration, reforestation management and protection of the Patuxent River and its riparian corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is the recognized lead riparian reforestation organization in the Washington Metropolitan Area and, working in partnership with various landowners, environmental groups, government organizations and private individuals, has reforested over 45 acres in the Anacostia watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past several years, the Council has worked cooperatively with Prince George's County to successfully address trash, habitat degradation, stormwater runoff and other environmental problems in the County; and

**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 enter into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to provide reforestation-related services to the Prince George's County Maryland, Department of Environmental Resources (PGDER) in the Patuxent River watershed. The contractual services identified in the MOA will not exceed the amount of \$880,000, with funding provided by PGDER. No COG matching funds are required. The period of performance is eighteen (18) months.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on January 8, 2014.***

***Monica Beyrouti  
Clerk to the Board of Directors***