

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A WATERSHED REFORESTATION DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT USING BIOSOLIDS COMPOST AS SUBMITTED TO THE
NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

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

WHEREAS, regional reforestation efforts could be improved by measures to progress soil quality and enhance the growth of newly planted seedlings; and

WHEREAS, COG staff works with regional wastewater agencies on appropriate and cost-effective methods for managing biosolids from their operations; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC-WASA) recently launched a pilot project to create a biosolids compost that can be used as a soil amendment in urban areas and this soil amendment product could improve reforestation efforts; and

WHEREAS, COG has an interest in assisting its members with both the management of its waste resources and in enhancing its environmental restoration 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 submit a proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$120,482 for purposes of demonstrating improved reforestation survival techniques using biosolids compost from DC-WASA. The project duration will be 2 years, 6 months from the receipt of funding. A \$30,020 COG match from budgeted FY2009 and FY2010 funds is requested.

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Board Clerk