

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE
ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE ANACOSTIA RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP -RELATED
SUPPORT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is both a nationally recognized watershed restoration expert and has provided coordination, management, and technical support for the Anacostia restoration effort since 1987; and

WHEREAS, COG has a continuing interest in the restoration, management and protection of the Anacostia River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, COG is recognized as a leader in Anacostia watershed restoration and has, since 1988, surveyed major portions of the Anacostia tributary system, helped develop over 200 stormwater management, stream restoration, wetland creation and riparian reforestation projects in the watershed, and has worked with its many partners to increase citizen participation in the restoration effort; and

WHEREAS, at its June 14, 2006, meeting the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R28-06 establishing a new Anacostia governance structure for the restoration of the Anacostia watershed, including the formation of a new Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maryland has a vested interest in the restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries, and is an active voting member of the Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee (AWSC) and Anacostia Watershed Management Committee (AWMC); and

WHEREAS, development of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan is a high priority for both the AWSC and AWMC, and COG's assistance in developing the Plan is critical.

**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 understanding (MOU) to provide Anacostia governance-related services to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and support for the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan. The contractual services identified in the MOU will not exceed the amount of \$41,500, with funding provided by MDE. No COG matching funds are required. The period of performance is one year.