## METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 777 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20002-4239

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WATTS BRANCH POST-CONSTRUCTION MACROINVERTEBRATE MONITIORING SUBMISSION TO THE DISTRICT DEPARMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is 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 has surveyed major portions of the Anacostia tributary system, including Watts Branch, helped develop over 500 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

**WHERAS**, 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 District of Columbia also has a vested interest in the restoration of the Anacostia River and the Watts Branch tributary, and is an active voting member of the Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee (AWSC) and Anacostia Watershed Management Committee (AWMC); and

**WHEREAS**, over the past several years, COG has worked cooperatively with the District Department of the Environment to monitor various streams, including Watts Branch.

## 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 contract providing Watts Branch macroinvertebrate-related services to the District Department of the Environment (DDOE). The contract will not exceed the amount of \$30,000, with funding provided by DDOE. A \$15,000 total COG match from its FY12-14 Nonpoint Source Program will be provided. The project duration is three-years.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk