

Consent Agenda

Draft Resolution R64-10
November 10, 2010

**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 Anacostia and Potomac Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is both a nationally recognized watershed restoration and urban forestry leader 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 the recognized lead riparian reforestation organization in the Anacostia watershed 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, the state of Maryland has a vested interest in both the reforestation and restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries, and is an active voting member of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership (AWRP).

**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 to provide reforestation-related services to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) in the Maryland portion of the Anacostia watershed in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. No COG matching funds are required. The period of performance is eight (8) months.

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**APPROVAL OF COG SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
REGIONAL COUNCILS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is an ownership partner, along with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and ICMA-Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) in the building located at 777 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC since 1990; and

WHEREAS, COG leases and occupies approximately 56,000 square feet of space in the building; and

WHEREAS, COG has leased approximately 2,100 square feet of surplus space to an association tenant for several years; and

WHEREAS, the most recent tenant vacated the space in August 2010; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) has express a desire to lease approximately 2,400 square feet of space from COG including the vacant space plus three contiguous COG offices that can cost-effectively be integrated into existing vacant space; and

WHEREAS, NARC is a membership association representing regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations, including COG, and is a very compatible tenant for this vacant COG space; and

WHEREAS, leasing the vacant space to NARC would not impact COG's space requirements and will help support COG's rent expense which is part of its fiscal year indirect cost allocation plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The executive director or his designee is authorized to execute a sublease agreement for approximately 2,400 square feet of office space with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) through December 2016 and may be extended.
2. In addition to the base rent, the lease will allow COG to pass along increases in operating, utility and property tax to NARC during the term of the lease. COG will provide NARC with a tenant rent credit for tenant building improvements.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO SEEK AND RECEIVE FUNDS TO SUPPORT
THE CAPITOL AREA FORECLOSURE NETWORK (CAFN)**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has long supported affordable housing programs and policies throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, addressing the region's housing needs, including slowing the pace of foreclosure rates, was identified as a priority task in COG's FY 2011 Work Program and Budget and in COG's 2010 Policy Focus and Priorities; and

WHEREAS, in April 2010, the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN) was established as an innovative new partnership between COG, the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington and the Urban Institute that will build the capacity of local housing counseling, legal service and direct service organizations by raising awareness of the role of direct services through marketing and outreach, coordinating trainings around the region, and developing sustainable fundraising strategies; and

WHEREAS, Freddie Mac has provided financial and other support for foreclosure-related events and programs, including financial support for COG's 2008 Regional Foreclosure Summit, and operational and financial support for CAFN in 2010.

**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 seek and receive funds from Freddie Mac to support the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN) in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. No COG matching funds are required.
