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**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 MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PROVIDE ANACOSTIA RIVER WATERSHED TRASH
TMDL MONITORING -RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Council) 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, the Council has a continuing interest in the restoration, management and protection of the Anacostia River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the Council is recognized as a leader in Anacostia watershed restoration and trash reduction and has, since 1988, regularly surveyed major portions of the Anacostia tributary system, helped develop both the 2006 Anacostia Watershed Trash Reduction Strategy, as well as 200 stormwater management, stream restoration, wetland creation, riparian reforestation and trash reduction projects in the watershed, and has worked with its many partners to increase citizen participation in the restoration effort ; and

WHEREAS, the Anacostia watershed has been listed under section 303 (d) of the Clean Water Act as being impaired by high trash levels, and the state of Maryland is currently developing a trash total maximum daily load (TMDL) for its portion of the watershed; and

WHEREAS, at their June 14, 2006 meeting the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Council of Governments 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, since 1987, Montgomery County has been instrumental 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, over the past three years, the Council has worked cooperatively with Montgomery County, the state of Maryland and Anacostia citizenry to successfully monitor and reduce trash levels in both the County and other parts of the Anacostia watershed;

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 contract to provide Anacostia trash TMDL monitoring-related services to Montgomery County. The services identified in the contract will not exceed the amount of \$130,000, with funding provided by Montgomery County. No COG match is required. The project duration is two-years.