

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TO PROVIDE ANACOSTIA RIVER WATERSHED-NORTHWEST BRANCH SEDIMENT AND
NUTRIENT MONITORING-RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (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, stream and wetland restoration and trash reduction and has, since 1988, regularly surveyed major portions of the Anacostia tributary system, helped develop the 2010 Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan, 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 its June 14, 2006 meeting the COG Board 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, Prince George's County has been instrumental in the restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries for many years, and is an active voting member of the Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee (AWSC) and Anacostia Watershed Management Committee (AWMC); and

WHEREAS, over the past six years, COG has worked cooperatively with Prince George's County, the state of Maryland, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Anacostia citizenry and others to successfully monitor nutrients and sediment, water temperature, trash, and biological community health in the Northwest Branch 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 memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide Northwest Branch nutrient and sediment monitoring and outreach-related services to Prince George's County. The contractual services identified in the MOU will not exceed the amount of \$350,000 with funding provided by Prince George's County. A \$50,000 COG match is required. The COG match will be provided through FY2012, FY2013 and FY2014 Urban Nonpoint Source Program funds. The project duration is three years.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk