

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF URBAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A URBAN WASTE WOOD
RECOVERY AND UTILIZATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT UNDER A GRANT WITH USDA
FOREST SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) plays an important role in promoting green infrastructure programs throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, urban forests and associated street trees are a valuable and substantial portion of the region's green infrastructure and COG has a continued interest in promoting and demonstrating new, environmentally friendlier and potentially profitable techniques for reducing the region's wood-related waste stream associated with the removal of urban trees; and

WHEREAS, COG is a recognized leader working in partnership with various governmental, and non-governmental organizations to promote green infrastructure programs and new green technologies, including the processing of otherwise discarded timber into various useful wood products, and to further disseminate knowledge of the value of these techniques to its members, businesses and citizens in the region; and

WHEREAS, a regional waste wood recovery demonstration project is a vehicle to unite the growing interest in issues that affect our nation's intelligent use and recycling of its natural resources, as well as supporting new environmentally-based business opportunities close to home; and

WHEREAS, COG has an interest in assisting its members and their forestry and recycling programs promote new approaches leading to a reduction in both the quantity of materials which need to be land-filled and associated costs; and

WHEREAS, COG has entered into an agreement with the USFS to provide a demonstration project for the recovery of urban waste wood with partners from the Community Woodlands Alliance and the American Institute of Urban & Regional affairs, a USFS grant project partner.

**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 with The American Institute of Urban & Regional Affairs to act as the USFS and COG's designee to establish as waste wood recovery processing center in Montgomery County, MD. The contract will be in the amount of \$35,000 with a match of \$35,000 match from in-kind services. The project duration is one year. No local matching funds are required.