

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR
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 (MOU) to provide reforestation-related services to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) in the Maryland portion of the Anacostia watershed. The contractual services identified in the MOU will not exceed the amount of \$25,000, with funding provided by MDDNR. No COG matching funds are required. The period of performance is five (5) months.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on January 9, 2013.

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