

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20002

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A FEASIBILITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT  
WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO INITIATE A COASTAL STORM RISK  
MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been authorized to initiate an investigation titled *Metropolitan Washington, District of Columbia Coastal Storm Risk Management Study* to investigate coastal flood risk management problems and solutions for metropolitan Washington to reduce damages from flooding in tidally-influenced areas affecting population, critical infrastructure, critical facilities, property, and ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board has identified infrastructure resiliency as crucial for the protection of public health, the environment, and the region's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, COG's Climate, Energy, & Environment, and Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committees have recognized the need to prepare the region's communities and infrastructure for the increasing risk of flood events and extreme weather; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, the Corps is authorized to expend up to \$3 million over three years to conduct the full study, contingent upon reaching agreement on a Project Management Plan for the study and development of a 50 percent cost-share funding plan with its non-federal partners (including in-kind contributions); and

**WHEREAS**, COG has been working with the USACE and the National Capital Planning Commission to identify potential federal and non-federal partners in the region to participate in the study, as well as potential non-federal cost-share to leverage the USACE funding for this study; and

**WHEREAS**, COG, as the non-federal sponsor on behalf of the region, will be required to provide \$25,000 in initial matching funds, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs, to develop a Project Management Plan defining the scope of the study and to develop a cost-share funding plan.

**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 Feasibility Cost Share Agreement with the USACE, to commit to contribute \$25,000 in initial matching funds towards the development of a Project Management Plan to define the scope of this study, to develop a cost-share funding plan, and upon reaching agreement on the scope and funding plan, to work with the USACE to fully implement this study. Funding for this initial effort is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of  
Directors on September 14, 2016.**

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