

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO COST-SHARE AGREEMENTS FOR
UPGRADING CHESAPEAKE BAY MODELING TOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has supported the 1987 and 2000 Chesapeake Bay Agreements and through the actions of its members and affiliated wastewater utilities has demonstrated its commitment to the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, COG passed a resolution (R25-97) establishing the principles of voluntary status, equity, good science, and a strong voice as guidelines for local participation in the Chesapeake Bay Program; and

WHEREAS, the COG passed a resolution (R26-98) concluding that enhanced technical collaboration between the COG and the Chesapeake Bay Program will serve both parties' mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, local governments and wastewater utilities in the region have spent millions of their own dollars, in cooperation with federal and state partners, to implement technological improvements and other measures to meet Chesapeake Bay water quality goals; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, COG has provided specialized modeling and monitoring services to its members, especially the Blue Plains Users; and

WHEREAS, COG and the Blue Plains Users have an opportunity to participate in a partnership that includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Chesapeake Bay Program to upgrade the technical tools that will form a foundation for water quality management decisions affecting wastewater plants, especially Blue Plains, as well as having significant implications for growth and development of local jurisdictions in the Washington region; and

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the Blue Plains Intermunicipal Agreement of 1985 was crafted to ensure that the region had, in perpetuity, the necessary expertise and involvement in water quality modeling, monitoring, and research to insure substantial understanding of and influence on the regulatory agency decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has authorized the COE to conduct a study of water resources and habitat improvements in the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Section 105 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662, as amended) specifies the cost sharing requirements applicable to the Study.

**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 cost-share agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for upgrading Chesapeake Bay modeling tools. The total estimated cost of the project is \$3,504,600. The COE will pay 50% (\$1,752,300) of the estimated project cost. The non-federal share of the project will be paid as follows:

- MDE will contribute not less than \$1,059,500 as in-kind services;

- The Blue Plains Regional Committee will contribute \$450,000 as approved in their work program and budget for cost-share and COG staff support to the project;
- COG will contribute approximately \$300,000 from the Regional Water Fund as in-kind services for ongoing Potomac River fall line data collection at Chain Bridge.

The Feasibility Cost Share Agreement does not require a cash contribution by COG. All matching funds can be provided through in-kind services.
