

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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**Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE 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 40 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 Committee (AWRC);

**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 an 11- month memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for Anacostia forestry-related services. No COG matching funds are required.