

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION ENDORSING GREENSPACE LEARNING CENTER CONCEPT**

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2007, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) Board of Directors adopted Resolution R71-07 establishing regional green building standards; and

**WHEREAS**, COG's Green Building Report identifies options and recommendations to develop and adopt regional green building guidelines and implementation strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Green Building Group (IGBG) continues to meet and to share knowledge and discuss green building policies and programs in support of individual jurisdictional green building programs, and to explore avenues for further interjurisdictional coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, green building is essential to meet the challenge of climate change and to reduce energy use; and

**WHEREAS**, a central element of the regional green building policy is the need for continuing training and establishing an information clearing house to facilitate regional green building implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the GreenSPACE concept is to catalyze the green transformation of the area's building industry by providing a one-stop-shop for green building professionals, policy makers, and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, GreenSPACE is envisioned to consist of hands-on design and construction training, meeting space, a help desk, exhibits, a product showroom, resource library, technical assistance, and an online virtual green building learning center; and

**WHEREAS**, COG's Intergovernmental Green Building Group recently reviewed and endorsed the proposed GreenSPACE Learning Center concept.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The establishment of a GreenSPACE Learning Center is consistent with and supportive of COG's green building policy.
2. The Executive Director or his or her designee is authorized to explore formal participation through the Intergovernmental Green Building Group in the GreenSPACE initiative; and
3. A letter of support for the GreenSPACE Learning Center concept shall be transmitted to GREENHOMES.