

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ANACOSTIA RIVER
WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP-RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is both a nationally recognized watershed restoration expert and has provided coordination, management, and technical support for the Anacostia restoration effort since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the COG has a continuing interest in the restoration, management and protection of the Anacostia River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the COG is recognized as a leader in Anacostia watershed restoration and has, since 1988, surveyed major portions of the Anacostia tributary system, helped develop over 200 stormwater management, stream restoration, wetland creation and riparian reforestation projects in the watershed, and has worked with its many partners to increase citizen participation in the restoration effort ; and

WHEREAS, at their June 14, 2006 meeting the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Council of Governments adopted Resolution R28-06 establishing a new Anacostia governance structure for the restoration of the Anacostia watershed, including the formation of a new Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maryland has a vested interest in the restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries, and is an active voting member of the Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee (AWSC) and Anacostia Watershed Management Committee (AWMC); and

WHEREAS, development of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan is a high priority for both the AWSC and AWMC, and the Council's assistance in tracking, monitoring and reporting on the Plan implementation is critical.

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 an eleven (11) month memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) in an amount not to exceed \$42,330 to provide Anacostia Partnership-related services to the MDDNR and support for the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan. No COG matching funds are required.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on November 12, 2014.

***Monica Beyrouti
Clerk to the Board of Directors***