

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT PROPOSAL
TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT WATERSHED
PROTECTION DIVISION FOR A TREES FOR HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) plays an important role in supporting green infrastructure, urban tree canopy and urban forestry and recognizes their collective benefits to air and water quality and in mitigating the urban heat island effects of urban lands; and

WHEREAS, COG has a continued interest in increasing tree canopy especially in densely populated urban areas where opportunities for reforestation are restricted; and

WHEREAS, COG has a long history working in partnership with various government organizations and environmental groups in the Anacostia and Chesapeake Bay watersheds to reforest lands for environmental and recreational benefits; and

WHEREAS, planting trees is an important tool to connect citizens with their environment and represents a cost-effective approach in the suite of available environmental technologies such as LID (Low Impact Development), to protect water quality, prevent soil erosion and provide shade for its streets and neighborhoods, which is of particular importance in the CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow).

**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 submit a proposal to the District of Columbia Department of the Environment (DCDOE) to administer a 'Trees for Homeowners' Program for the District of Columbia for the evaluation and installation of trees on private properties within the District CSO area. The grant (if awarded) would be in the amount of \$75,000 with a \$25,000 COG match. The project duration is one year with a possible extension to three years.
