

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANACOSTIA WATERSHED RESTORATION: INCREASING
CITIZEN ACTIVISM AND EFFECTIVENESS PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TO THE SUMMIT FUND
OF WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, citizens and existing subwatershed groups play a critical role in both supporting and accelerating the Anacostia restoration effort; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is both a nationally recognized watershed restoration leader and has provided coordination, management, technical and administrative 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 a recognized leader in working in partnership with various government organizations and environmental groups to further expand citizen participation in the Anacostia restoration effort; and

WHEREAS, COG has worked cooperatively with both the Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee (AWSC) and its citizen arm, the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) to successfully increase the number of subwatershed groups and citizen participation through educational and advocacy building workshops and events in the watershed; and

WHEREAS, at COG's June 14, 2006 Board meeting, Resolution R28-06 was adopted establishing a new Anacostia governance structure which created the Anacostia Restoration Partnership to help accelerate the restoration of the Anacostia through strengthening the partnerships among public, private, non-profit, and citizen organizations.

**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 and execute a contract for helping to increase citizen activism and effectiveness in the Anacostia watershed. The contract will not exceed the \$54,407 requested from the Summit Fund of Washington. No local matching funds are required. The project duration is one year.