

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A SCHOOLYARD
CONSERVATION PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (hereinafter called the Council) has a continuing interest in the management and protection of environmental resources through conservation; and

WHEREAS, the staff recognizes the importance of environmental education and has had extensive experience and involvement in school based environmental education throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the staff has extensive experience and awareness of the sources and causes of environmental pollution and pollution prevention remediation through the use of environmental conservation techniques; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong understanding as to the importance and need for environmental education and student involvement for the continued and long-term health and protection of the region's environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's Health Department's Environmental Health Administration has received grant funding from USEPA and is seeking proposals to implement a school based conservation projects in eight public schools in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Council's Department of Environmental Programs has prepared and submitted a proposal to conduct a school based conservation projects in eight public schools in the District of Columbia.

**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 a contract to implement a environmental conservation education program and that will involve public school students in the development, design, and implementation of schoolyard conservation projects that will minimize and/or eliminate sources of pollution. The contract will not exceed \$120,000 with funding provided by the District of Columbia Department of Health's Environmental Health Administration. A COG match of \$20,000 will be provided from already budgeted FY2003 and anticipated FY2004 COG Local Funds. The contract is expected to be completed by August 2005.