

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOUDOUN COUNTY BASELINE BIOLOGICAL
MONITORING SURVEY (PHASE II) PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL FISH
AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, Loudoun County is currently the most rapidly developing jurisdiction in both the Washington Metropolitan Area and state of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, significant development-related pressure is being placed on Loudoun County's water resources, particularly those stream systems located within major growth corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has provided leadership locally; regionally and nationally in watershed monitoring, assessment, restoration and management; and

WHEREAS, COG in partnership with the Loudoun County Soil and Water Conservation District has, since 1997, been monitoring the health of various Loudoun County streams; and

WHEREAS, COG is a recognized leader in stream assessment and watershed management studies and, working in partnership with various government organizations and environmental groups has surveyed over 300 stream miles in the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive evaluation of existing stream quality conditions would provide baseline data crucial to informed decision making in the areas of water protection, restoration, monitoring; and resource management.

**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 transmit a proposal and to execute a contract for comprehensively evaluating Loudoun County stream quality conditions in the Catoctin Creek, Dutchman Creek, Piney Run, Clarks Run and Quarter Branch watersheds. The contract will not exceed the \$37,500 requested from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. A \$38,750 match from already identified funds with the Council's Nonpoint Source Program is proposed. The project duration shall be one year.
