

Consent Agenda

**Resolution R43-10  
September 8, 2010**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING  
FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO DEVELOP A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County, MD has requested that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments administer the development of its "Climate Action Plan"; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2007, COG's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R31-07 that created COG's Climate Change Initiative and established a Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC); and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board of Directors adopted the National Capital Climate Change Report in November 2008 which recommends that jurisdictions catalogue greenhouse gas emissions and adopt a plan to reduce these emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, Prince George's County endorsed the U.S. Conference of Mayors' amended climate protection agreement and mandated actions within the City to reduce global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 Prince George's County also adopted emissions reduction targets to reduce County geographical emissions to 80% below 2008 levels by 2050. Mid and long term goals include stopping emission increases by 2010 and achieving a 10% reduction every five years thereafter through 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, COG, in partnership with Prince George's County, will administer the development a county-climate action plan to include measures that meet greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

**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 administer the Prince George's County "Climate Action Plan" and to receive and expend up to \$150,000 to develop a county-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory and climate strategy. No COG matching funds are required.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR REPORTING AIR QUALITY DATA FOR  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) was certified in 1992 by the governors of Maryland and Virginia, and the mayor of the District of Columbia to develop a regional ground-level ozone control strategy for the Washington, DC-MD-VA non-attainment area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington, DC-MD-VA metropolitan region does not meet the national public health standard for ozone and fine particles; and

**WHEREAS**, air pollution caused by high levels of ozone and/or fine particles adversely affect health, particularly children and people with heart or respiratory problems; and

**WHEREAS**, COG reports air quality on a daily basis so that people can take appropriate actions to protect their health and reduce air pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the states of Maryland and the District of Columbia designated the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to be the lead agency to pass through Clean Air Action Section 105 air quality grant funds to the Metropolitan Washington region for the purpose of reporting air quality data.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Board will be asked to adopt R44-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to seek \$25,000 in funding from the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality for COG's FY 2011 § 105 Air Pollution Control Program. The request is to prepare and report daily air quality index and levels for the Washington Metropolitan area, to coordinate energy operation procedures during air pollution episodes and to update the air quality trends data for the region. COG's required match for this request is \$13,000 and is included in the FY 2011 work program and budget.

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**RESOLUTION A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR URBAN TIMBER (WASTE WOOD) RECOVERY  
MARSHALLING AND UTILIZATION YARD DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) plays an important role in promoting green infrastructure programs throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, urban forests and associated street trees are a valuable and substantial portion of the region's green infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, COG has a continued interest in promoting and demonstrating new, environmentally friendlier and potentially profitable techniques for reducing the region's wood-related waste stream associated with the removal of urban trees; and

**WHEREAS**, COG is a recognized leader working in partnership with various governmental, and non-governmental organizations to promote green infrastructure programs and new green technologies, including the processing of otherwise discarded timber into various useful wood products, and to further disseminate knowledge of the value of these techniques to its members, businesses and citizens in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, a "waste wood" marshalling and utilization yard project is a vehicle to demonstrate the ability to handle biomass waste streams under both normal and abnormal conditions and address the growing interest in issues that affect our nation's intelligent use and recycling of its natural resources, as well as supporting new environmentally-based business opportunities close to home; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has an interest in assisting its members and their forestry and recycling programs promote new approaches leading to a reduction in both the quantity of materials which need to be land-filled and associated costs.

**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 a grant agreement and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the purposes of developing an Urban Timber Recovery Marshalling and Utilization Yard Demonstration Project for the District government. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration is two years. No COG matching funds are required.

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**Resolution R46-10  
September 8, 2010**

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FOUNDATION GRANT TO SUPPORT THE  
WEDNESDAY'S CHILD PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is committed to supporting efforts to assist at-risk children in the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG is recognized as a leader in developing innovative foster care and adoption program and has a long history of recruiting and supporting adoptive parents in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has a continuing interest in supporting the initiatives of local child welfare agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freddie Mac Foundation is providing COG with \$77,800 to underwrite the costs of the Wednesday's Child Program in FY11.

**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 receive and expend grant funds from the Freddie Mac Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$77,800 for the Wednesday's Child FY 2011 program operations. No COG matching funds are required.

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**Resolution R47-10  
September 8, 2010**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO DEVELOP A 2010 SUMMER STORM AFTER  
ACTION REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) serves as the Secretariat for the Urban Area Security Initiative for the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has been asked by the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to hire a consultant to plan a Summer Storm 2010 After Action Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant will use the outcomes of the conference to assist the District of Columbia HSEMA in the development of an After Action Report; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this work will be provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region.

**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 receive and expend up to \$30,630 to develop a Summer Storm After Action Report (AAR) in coordination with the District of Columbia. The tasks include planning and hosting an AAR conference and to produce an AAR. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). No COG Matching funds are required.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE DEFINITION OF  
POPULATIONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) serves as the Secretariat for the Urban Area Security Initiative for the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has been requested by the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to hire a consultant conduct an analysis of the City's current definition of its "special needs" population and propose a more comprehensive definition; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant will develop an implementation plan incorporate the new definition into the policies and operations plans of all government agencies, specifically those with emergency support functions; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this work will be provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region.

**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 receive and expend up to \$250,000 to conduct an analysis of the current definition of populations with "special needs" within the District of Columbia and develop a new comprehensive definition. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). No COG matching funds are required.

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**RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE IRE ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Institute for Regional Excellence (IRE) was created in 2001 by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, in partnership with George Washington University, to provide a regional executive development program for local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the year long program is to develop leadership, enhance management skills, and increase exposure to innovation in local government, and develop an understanding of regional issues and approaches; and

**WHEREAS**, IRE is fully accredited by the National Certified Public Managers Consortium; and

**WHEREAS**, an Advisory Board was established to provide program oversight, IRE recruitment and program promotion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Advisory Board is comprised of a Chair, two vice chairs, representatives from GWU and past IRE class presidents; and

**WHEREAS**, a nominating committee was convened and made recommendations for 2010-2011 Advisory Board appointments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Board of Directors hereby approves the following 2010-2011 Officers for the IRE Advisory Board. Chair: Bruce Williams, City of Takoma Park; Vice Chair: J. Davis, Greenbelt; and Vice Chair: Ron Carlee, ICMA. Other members of the IRE Advisory Board shall include: Natalie Houghtby-Haddon, George Washington University; James Robinson, George Washington University; and previous IRE Class Presidents including: Ingrid Parris-Hicklin, Fairfax County; Luther Reynolds, Montgomery County; and Pam Doran, City of Falls Church.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLIMATE SHOWCASE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROPOSAL**

**WHEREAS**, in November 2008, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments adopted a Climate Change Report that includes a series of goals to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in the region for 2012, 2020, and 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Change Report recommends designing and implementing a regional outreach program to reduce energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate, Energy, Environment Policy Committee appointed an Ad Hoc work group in March 2010 to develop such a program; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. EPA announced a national grant program entitled "Climate Showcase Communities" to assist local governments and regional agencies with implementing projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while achieving additional environmental, economic, public health and/or community benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, COG would like to submit an application to create "Innovative tools and incentives to reduce residential electricity and gas consumption in the Washington region" and will utilize a regional energy outreach program to motivate residents to reduce electricity and gas consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will result in measurable energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reduction, as well as multiple benefits such as: raising awareness in the community about energy consumption and climate protection, lower energy bills, and improved air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, a pilot energy outreach campaign will be launched by COG in October 2010 in three communities: Brookland DC; Greenbelt MD and the Cascades neighborhood in Loudoun County VA; and

**WHEREAS**, EPA assistance will allow COG to expand this campaign to a larger part of the metropolitan Washington region; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project was endorsed by the Climate, Energy, Environment Policy Committee on July 21, 2010.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Board authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region for a Climate Showcase Communities grant to develop a marketing campaign to promote innovative tools and incentives to reduce residential electricity and gas consumption in the Washington region. The federal grant fund request will not exceed \$460,000, with \$230,000 in matching funds provided through in-kind contributions and private sponsorships.