

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

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED RESTORATION: BUILDING
CITIZEN-BASED CAPACITY PROPOSAL'S SUBMISSION TO THE SUMMIT FUND OF
WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, "Friends of" 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 Restoration Committee (AWRC) and its citizen arm, the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) to successfully form new subwatershed groups in the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board approved Resolution R28-06 at its June 14, 2006 meeting, 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 strengthen and expand the number of "Friends of" groups in the Anacostia watershed. The contract will not exceed the \$68,413 requested from the Summit Fund of Washington. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration is one year.