

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS TO REINVIGORATE THE
PAINT BRANCH CITIZEN'S WATERSHED GROUP THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION,
AND VOLUNTEERISM**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is a nationally recognized watershed restoration and stream monitoring expert and has provided coordination, management, and technical support for watershed restoration efforts in the Washington metropolitan area 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 has surveyed major portions of the Anacostia and Potomac River tributary systems, helped develop over 500 stormwater management, stream restoration, wetland creation, and riparian projects in the metropolitan area, and has worked with its many partners to increase citizen participation in the restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, COG has worked cooperatively with the Montgomery and Prince George's Counties on restoration and education efforts, and has worked the other citizen watershed groups in throughout the watershed to increase their capacity and provide technical support; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has been awarded a grant by the Chesapeake Bay Trust in the amount of \$29,940 that requires a match of \$7,756 which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs; and

WHEREAS, with said grant, COG can proceed with reinvigorating a citizen's watershed group in the Paint Branch watershed.

**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 Chesapeake Bay Trust in the amount of \$29,940 to reinvigorating a citizen's watershed group in the Paint Branch watershed through community engagement, education, and volunteerism. COG will be required to provide a match of \$7,756, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs.

Upon establishment, the Paint Branch watershed group will become a member of the Anacostia Watershed Citizen's Advisory Committee (AWCAC).

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of
Directors on February 8, 2017.**

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