

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ANACOSTIA RIVER WATERSHED REFORESTATION-RELATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Council) is both a nationally recognized watershed restoration and urban forestry leader and has provided coordination, management, and technical support for the Anacostia restoration effort since 1987; and

WHEREAS, riparian forests play a critical role in the ecological health of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers; and

WHEREAS, COG has a continuing interest in the restoration, management, and protection of the Anacostia River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, COG is the recognized lead riparian reforestation organization in the Anacostia watershed and, working in partnership with various landowners, environmental groups, government organizations and private individuals, has reforested over 45 acres in the Anacostia watershed; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maryland has a vested interest in both the reforestation and restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries, and is an active voting member of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership (AWRP).

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 nine-month memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for Anacostia forestry-related services. No COG matching funds are required.

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

**Laura Ambrosio
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