



RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 08-16

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb, Executive Director
DATE: February 22, 2008

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT REGIONAL CHESAPEAKE BAY MODEL DATA REVIEW PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (Virginia DCR) received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Chesapeake Bay Program (CDFA #66.466) to implement the regional and local review of Chesapeake Bay watershed and land use model input and output data; and

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay Program operates with Bay partners a number of analytical models used to analyze land use, airshed, and watershed trends; and

WHEREAS, these models may be used to develop management scenarios for the formulation of water quality restoration and protection strategies; and

WHEREAS, data inputs for the Phase 5.0 watershed model and the Version 3.0 land use model, which will be used in upcoming models runs, are nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, Virginia DCR appointed the George Washington Regional Commission to serve as the fiscal agent for the project; and

WHEREAS, this project will engage Planning District Commissions and local governments within the Chesapeake Bay watershed to review data related to past, current, and projected land use and associated calculations and interpretations; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia jurisdictions that will be engaged in the review include the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and

WHEREAS, the project will increase localities' awareness of data used in the Chesapeake Bay modeling effort and provide an opportunity to improve the models through data review and possible provision of better data;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) authorizes the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the George Washington Regional Commission for NVRC to accept the allocated funding of \$7,300 for NVRC's participation in the project.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on February 28, 2008.

G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer