M-NCPPC No. 15-04

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2008 The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission signed a memorandum of understanding with the Baltimore-Washington Partners for Forest Stewardship (BWPFS or Baltimore-Washington Partners), a volunteer partnership of all levels of government created to share information among land managers in the Baltimore-Washington corridor; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the BWPFS joined with other federal, state, local governments, and non-profit organizations to build on the success of the Baltimore-Washington Partners and expand the area of concern while retaining the model of sharing information with a limit on voluntary agency resource commitment; and

WHEREAS, this new organization is called the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission recognizes that the Baltimore-Washington region contains a wealth of natural assets that provide a multitude of ecosystem services to people including improving air quality, water quality, and the livability of our communities, and that interconnected and healthy ecosystems contribute to the economic vitality, sustainability, and quality of life for County residents and workers; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission recognizes the value and mutual benefits of aligning public and private partner resources to achieve a common vision that engages participation of affected individuals, governments, and organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission does hereby agree to become a signatory to the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Accord.

Adopted by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission this ___day of ___ 2015.

Patricia Colihan Barney Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.

M-NCPPC Legal Department

Date___4/

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 15-04, adopted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Wells-Harley, seconded by Commissioner Geraldo, with Commissioners Hewlett, Anderson, Fani-Gonzalez, Presley, and Washington voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioners Bailey, Dreyfuss, and Shoaff being absent from the vote on May 20, 2015, from the Parks and Recreation Auditorium in Riverdale, Maryland.

Patricia Colihan Barney, Executive Director