

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**and**  
**THE MID-ATLANTIC FEDERAL PARTNERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

**A. Purpose**

The City of Philadelphia (“City”) and the Mid-Atlantic Federal Partners for the Environment (“MAFPE”) hereby agree to work cooperatively within the framework of this Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) to promote smart growth and sustainable development in bringing about a vibrant urban economy and a revitalized residential landscape within the City.

An underlying premise of this partnership is the urban environment will be improved through environmentally sensitive economic redevelopment within the urban core. The benefits will include job growth and improved quality of life for the City’s residents as well as broader environmental benefits from improved land use management and the principles of sustainable development.

**B. Background**

The City developed a list of specific projects appended to this MOA for which Federal assistance was requested from the MAFPE partners. These projects meet the spirit and intent of the October 19, 1999 Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) that created MAFPE, and the subsequent May 16, 2000 Memorandum of Agreement among the Federal MAFPE partners on urban growth. Through the October 19, 1999 MOU, the Federal partners agreed to work collaboratively to restore and protect the Mid-Atlantic natural environment. By signing the May 16, 2000 Agreement, the Federal MAFPE partners agreed to target their respective existing Federal resources to assist state and local governments in managing growth and protecting environmental resources. The May 16, 2000 Agreement contains five key objectives for assisting local and state governments. These objectives are the following:

- ⌘ Provide positive incentives for environmentally sensitive development and conservation.
- ⌘ Provide technical assistance to state and local governments in understanding and addressing the impacts of development practices on the environment and natural resources.
- ⌘ Encourage the appropriate revitalization of urban residential communities and the redevelopment of abandoned commercial and industrial brownfields sites.
- ⌘ Eliminate Federal incentives that cause harmful sprawl.
- ⌘ Reinforce state and local leadership in managing growth, creating livable communities, and protecting natural resources.

### **C. Partnership Commitment**

The City and the Federal MAFPE signatories to this MOA agree to abide by the terms of this MOA and to the key objectives outlined in the May 16, 2000 Agreement. The Federal MAFPE partners will assist the City in the planning, implementation and completion of the appended list of projects outlined in Section D below. The commitment of personnel and funding in furtherance of this agreement shall be authorized solely by individual task agreements identifying each project, the amount of funding obligated therefor and any other terms and conditions and executed by the parties thereto. The signatories to this MOA will support these projects to promote sustainable development and smart growth within their respective authorities.

### **D. Commitment to Projects**

The projects are listed below and described in detail on the attached list. The projects are categorized into the following four elements:

#### **I. Site Specific Redevelopment Projects – Property Assessments/Brownfields Remediation/Reuse Assistance:**

- 6) Tidal Schuylkill River Development
- 7) North Delaware Waterfront Development
- 8) Reading Viaduct and Miscellaneous Properties
- 9) American Street Corridor Properties
- 10) Miscellaneous Property Environmental Assessments and Ownership Searches
- 11) Greening of Brownfields Sites and Redeveloped Areas
- 12) Brownfields Pilot Project at Petroleum Contaminated Sites

#### **II. Pollution Prevention and Reduction Assistance:**

- 13) Carbon Dioxide Reduction Plan
- 14) Environmental Risk Management Tools
- 15) Alternative Fuel Technical Assistance
- 16) Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI) – Lead Demolition Issues
- 17) Assistance to expand and Improve Scrap Tire Collection and Recycling Efforts
- 18) Assistance in Developing a City Pollution Prevention Plan
- 19) Philadelphia Air Toxics Risk Reduction Project

#### **III. General Environmental Strategies – Permits/Planning/Infrastructure:**

- 20) Accelerated Permit Review Process
- 21) Open Space Planning Assistance
- 22) Model Trash Transfer/Recycling Transportation Systems
- 23) Transportation and Energy Infrastructure
- 24) Building “Green” Handbook
- 25) Parks Revitalization Project

#### **IV. Habitat Conservation and Ecological Hazard Reduction:**

- 1) Urban Conservation Migratory Bird Treaty

#### **E. Implementation**

**I. Project Contact List.** The MOA signatories agree to establish a Project Contact List within thirty (30) days of the execution of this MOA for each listed project. This contact list should include name, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address for all project contacts. It is recognized that some of the attached projects may require only one City contact and one Federal contact. The nature of the project will determine the number of contacts, and which City and Federal Agencies or Departments should identify Project Contacts. The United States Environmental Protection Agency will be responsible for compiling the list of Federal Project contacts. The City of Philadelphia Office of the Managing Director will be responsible for identifying the City Project Contacts.

**II. Facilitation Work Group.** The MOA signatories agree to establish and participate in a Facilitation Work Group that will chart the progress, status and timelines of the Projects and to promote a scientific, technical and logistical dialogue to facilitate the implementation and completion of the projects. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Philadelphia Office of the Managing Director will be responsible for the organization of this group and for the scheduling and logistical aspects of the work group meetings, as well as the preparation of progress reports.

#### **F. Termination and Revision**

This MOA shall remain in effect until it is modified or amended by the signatories and does not supersede the Memorandum of Understanding of the Mid-Atlantic Federal Partners for the Environment which was executed October 19, 1999.

Appended: Project List

**AGREED: (signatures)**

John F. Street (or Estelle Richman, Managing Director)  
Mayor  
City of Philadelphia

Donald S. Welsh  
Regional Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

Regional Director  
Northeast Regional Office  
US Fish & Wildlife

Regional Conservationist  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, East Region

Eastern Region Geologist  
US Geological Survey

Area Director  
USDA Forest Service  
Northeastern Region

Director  
Engineering & Technical Services  
North Atlantic Division  
US Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Interior  
Deputy State Director  
Bureau of Land Management

Regional Director  
Northeast Region  
National Park Service

Regional Director  
Department of Housing & Urban Development

Regional Director  
National Capital Region  
National Park Service

Acting Secretary's Representative  
Mid-Atlantic  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Eastern Resource Center Director  
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Regional Administrator  
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Northeast Region