

**“Resolution in Support of Clean Water for All” is CONSISTENT
with NACo’s American County Platform**

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“NACo recognizes that the availability of an adequate supply of clean water is vital to our nation. Water quality degradation can impose human health risks through contaminated drinking water supplies, diseased fish, and unsafe or polluted water bodies used for recreation . . .”

“NACo supports . . . comprehensive watershed plans, stormwater or wastewater management plans, non-point source pollution control plans, ecosystem or estuarine management plans, and coastal management plans which must address water pollution from all sources, including non-point, sewer overflows, or point.”

“NACo supports federal funding to meet all Clean Water Act (CWA) mandates imposed on counties. The CWA governs water pollution from point and non-point sources by keeping toxic substances out of our nation’s waterways, thus ensuring that surface waters are safe for sport and recreational purposes. . . . NACo endorses enforcement measures for compliance with CWA . . .”

“NACo calls on the federal government to clarify that local streets, gutters and human made ditches are excluded from the definition of “waters of the United States.”

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This resolution agrees with the NACo Platform. It states, “NACo supports protecting America’s drinking water supplies from discharge of pollutants, poisons, parasites and pathogens into headwater and seasonal streams and wetlands through the Clean Water Restoration Act, S. 787, as passed out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee . . .”

It is the only resolution that supports the NACo platform that water pollution from all sources must be addressed.

It is the only resolution that would maintain these attributes of the Clean Water Act and the only one that keeps the nation in compliance with CWA.

The Resolution is Support of Clean Water for All includes language that NACo supports the Clean Water Restoration Act “ as long as it clarifies that local streets, gutters and human made ditches (those not covered by the Clean Water Act prior to 2001) are excluded from the definition of “waters of the U.S.”

These NACo policies are not achievable if Congress does not pass legislation to restore the scope of the Clean Water Act to protect those waters protected prior to 2001.

And NACo will not be acting in support of these policies without the “Resolution in Support of Clean Water for All.