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# Nick Rahall

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Washington D.C.--- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II announced today the Soak Creek Watershed Project has received a boost toward reality.

In a letter from U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland, Congressman Rahall was informed the project has been exempted by the Secretary from the Presidential directive that requires all water projects to meet stringent cost-benefit analysis.

This action allows the project to immediately come before the Water Resources Council for their review and subsequent transmittal to the Congress through the Office of Management and Budget.

"Secretary Bergland's decision will substantially reduce the time frame involved in getting flood protection to the people of the Soak Creek area," Rahall observed.