

NEWS RELEASE

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Congressman Nick Rahall, is pleased to announce two promising developments for the resident of the Tug Fork Valley.

"On Tues. Jan. 22," Rahall points out, "the House of Representatives will begin consideration of the legislation to provide long-term flood protection for the Tug Valley."

HR 4788, the Water Resources Development Act of 1979, contains a *protection* provision, inserted by Rahall, that provides \$100 million for the project.

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Also, following an inquiry by Congressman Rahall, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has responded, that Mingo County's request to be included in the regular program of the National Flood Insurance Program, can be speeded up.

Rahall said, "I am pleased that the agency can use already completed Corps of Engineers studies, instead of taking their own which could delay the program 18 months."

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Congressman Rahall pointed out that Federal Emergency Management Agency will in contact with the County Commission and Mayor Kaporalous to finalize a number of administrative concerns. It is hoped that the entire process can be completed by late spring.

"These developments are encouraging," Congress Rahall said, "and I believe the goals that we all seek for the Tug Fork Valley may be finally realized."