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**RAHALL PUSHES PROGRESS ON LITTLE WHITESTICK
CRANBERRY CREEKS SUBWATERSHED IN RALEIGH COUNTY**

Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall is working with the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture to secure final approval for the Little Whitestick-Cranberry Subwatershed of the Piney Creek Watershed project in Raleigh County.

"In my discussions with Congressman de la Garza, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, he has assured me this much-needed project in Raleigh County will be reviewed by his Committee prior to Congress finishing its business in late September," Congressman Rahall pointed out.

The total cost for this project is, \$14.8 Million.

"This effort is a perfect example of various governmental jurisdictions working together to provide flood prevention, watershed protection, and stream corridor preservation," Rahall observed.

"The Southern Soil Conservation District will assume local responsibility for obtaining agreements for installation of land treatment measures," Rahall stated, "and the Raleigh County Commission and City of Beckley will be responsible for installing, operating and maintaining the structural measures in this plan. The City of Beckley will be responsible for the stream corridor preservation," Rahall said.

Congressman Rahall concluded by stating, "There is no doubt in my mind that this project is of the highest priority to the 90 residential sites and 89 commercial establishments in the area. In addition, the annual benefits to the watershed region will be in excess of \$1.5 Million annually."