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# HALLS RIDGE ROAD PROJECT NEARS APPROVAL, RAHALL SAYS

Beckley, W. Va. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) said today that Mercer County's application for an Economic Development Administration grant has cleared a major hurdle, and is close to final approval. The project will eventually create over 450 jobs.

"The E.D.A.'s regional administrator has recommended approval of Mercer County's application for \$525,344 for construction of a water system in the Halls Ridge Road area," Rahall said. "This will eventually service a commercial development project which will employ in excess of 450 people."

The project will be located in Mercer County near the junction of Route 460 and Interstate 77.

"This step puts the application on the desk of Assistant Secretary of Commerce Orson Swindle for final approval," Rahall noted. "I have met personally with the Secretary, and have been in constant touch with him throughout the application process. I am very optimistic that we will receive favorable consideration from Secretary Swindle on this application."

"This project will be a shot in the arm for Mercer County in our continuing diversification and expansion efforts," Rahall added.