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## **RAHALL TO CLEAN-UP TRASH IN MCDOWELL COUNTY**

**ANAWALT, W.VA.-** U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall will join tomorrow with members of the Upper Adkin District Economic Development Authority in an effort to remove litter and garbage from along the roadside in this McDowell County community.

Rahall, a strong advocate of the tourism industry in West Virginia, said all able bodied residents should do come to the aid of their respective communities and pick up unsightly litter and debris that marks the countryside.

"Tourism is growing in West Virginia with many out-of-state visitors coming to see our attractions each year," Rahall said. "It is an embarrassment to have our roadsides and stream beds filled and stained with abandoned refrigerators, cars, beer cans and pure garbage. I introduced legislation asking the National Park Service to look into the feasibility of creating a coal heritage trail in southern West Virginia. If such is deemed feasible, we do not want visitors to see our home dirty. Even without the tourism potential, we should have enough self-pride to keep our home clean and neat."

Rahall praised the efforts of the Upper Adkin District EDA and other McDowell County groups that are undertaking clean-up programs, saying that concerted efforts can lead to success in many areas.

"The people of McDowell County are perfect examples of citizens banding together for the good of the community," Rahall stated. "These people are to be commended for joining efforts not only in the litter war, but also in the fight for economic development and diversification. It is my belief that concerted efforts lead to success."