



U.S. Congressman
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WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS

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RAHALL FLUSHES OUT FUNDS FOR GREENBRIER RIVER

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, II (D-WV) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS AWARDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AT GREENBRIER RIVER. THE RIVER WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF THIRTY-SEVEN AREAS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING IMMEDIATE WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS.

"ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS THAT WE IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA FACE IS A LACK OF DECENT WATER SUPPLIES," SAID RAHALL. "OUR SYSTEMS ARE OUTDATED AND NEED IMPROVEMENT. THAT IS WHY I HAVE MADE IT ONE OF MY TOP PRIORITIES TO TRY AND OBTAIN FUNDS TO HELP IN IMPROVING THIS FRUSTRATING SITUATION."

THE USDA WILL WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND VARIOUS STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO IMPROVE GREENBRIER RIVER.

"THERE IS SO MUCH BEAUTY IN WEST VIRGINIA, SO MANY NATURAL WONDERS, THAT I FIND IT TRAGIC TO SEE IT ALL BEING SPOILED BY QUICK FIX MONETARY SOLUTIONS, SUCH AS LANDFILLS AND OTHER SUCH PROJECTS THAT AFFECT THE WATER SUPPLY," SAID RAHALL. "BUT IF WE MUST ADHERE TO THESE SOLUTIONS, WE SHOULD AT LEAST SEE TO IT THAT WE DO NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO DEPEND ON THAT AREA FOR CLEAN, SAFE WATER."

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