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### RAHALL FUNNELS FEDERAL FUNDS INTO HARRIS RIVERFRONT PARK

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced, to the West Virginia Convention and Visitors bureaus meeting in Washington, D.C., that the House Appropriations Committee included funding for two important projects in Huntington at his request. Harris Riverfront Park will receive \$1.125 million in federal funding to expand its facilities, and the Krout's Creek flood control project will be provided \$75,000.

"Harris River Park is one of Huntington's shining gems. The expansion project will enhance it's regional attraction. In one year alone, the park had 309,000 visitors. The park will continue to grow and serve as an anchor for Huntington's tourism industry," said Rahall.

The Harris River Park project will expand the park's facilities to increase access roads, walkways, overlooks, seating and parking facilities and a permanent dock. The city of Huntington will share the projects total cost which is approximated to be \$2.225 million.

The Krout's Creek project will allow the U.S. Corps Of Engineers to negotiate a cost-sharing agreement with the city of Huntington and complete a detailed project report. Based upon these, the project may be eligible for additional federal funding.

"Protecting the properties of residents along Krout's Creek will provide residents a reasonable margin of safety, will be cost effective, and will enhance the neighborhood's quality of life," said Rahall.

Rahall added, "I commend Mayor Nelson and Huntington City Council for their efforts and for working so closely with me on these projects."

The appropriation bill will now go to the full House for further consideration.

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