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RAHALL ANNOUNCES BIG SANDY RIVER PROJECT

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the Department of the Army has allocated funds to construct an emergency bank protection project on the Big Sandy River.

The Army Corps of Engineers will undertake the construction of a 500 foot stone slope on Big Sandy River in the vicinity of Neal, West Virginia, to protect the Kenova Municipal Water Facility from serious, ongoing bank erosion.

The project could get underway within one month and continue for about five months. The total cost of the bank protection project is estimated to be \$563,000, of which \$422,000 would be paid by the Federal Government. "The completion of this project marks one more step in the infrastructure development of southern West Virginia," remarked Rahall.



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Honorable Nick Rahall House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515-4840

Dear Congressman Rahall:

Today I have authorized the Chief of Engineers to allocate funds pursuant to the continuing streambank erosion control authority provided by Section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946, as amended. The funds will be used to construct an emergency bank protection project on Big Sandy River in the vicinity of Neal, West Virginia. The project provides for the construction of approximately 500 feet of stone slope protection on Big Sandy River. The project will protect the Kenova Municipal Water Facility from serious ongoing bank erosion.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$563,000, of which \$422,000 would be borne by the Federal Government. Plans and specifications for the project are essentially complete and the implementation agreement between the Army Corps of Engineers and the city of Kenova is ready for signature. The Corps has informed me that the work on the project could begin in about 1 month and could be completed in about 5 months.

I am sending similar letters to Senators Rockfeller and Byrd.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Page Assistant Secretary of the Army

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