



U.S. Congressman
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FUNDING AWARDED TO CONTINUE PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep., Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) announced today the award of \$150,000 for West Virginia to continue its Rural Development through Forestry Demonstration Projects begun in 1990.

In 1991, West Virginia is among four demonstration projects states and 19 special emphasis projects to receive over \$1,900,000 from the USDA Forest Service's Rural Development through Forestry Initiative. These funds are targeted towards projects that use forest resources as a catalyst for economic development and diversification.

Specific projects carried out as part of these demonstration projects show how local economies are diversified through the use of locally available forest resources and labor, while also maintaining or improving the quality of those same forest resources.

"The projects made accesible through this funding advance both the economical and ecological facets of our infrastructure," stated Rahall.

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The Honorable Nick Joe Rahall II
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Rahall:

I am pleased to inform you that William H. Gillespie, your Administrative Forester, will receive \$150,000 to continue the Rural Development through Forestry Demonstration Projects begun in 1990. Additionally, the State Forester's staff will be involved in various training programs sponsored by our rural development group.

In 1991, a total of four demonstration projects states (West Virginia, Vermont, Iowa, and Missouri), and 19 special emphasis projects will receive over \$1,900,000 from the USDA Forest Service's Rural Development through Forestry Initiative. These funds are targeted to projects that use forest resources as a catalyst for economic development and diversification in the 20 Northeast and Midwest states.

Specific projects carried out as part of these demonstration projects show how local economies are diversified through the use of locally available forest resources and labor, while also maintaining or improving the quality of those same forest resources.

I appreciate your interest in this project, and in utilizing forest resources to develop local economies. If you have any questions or comments regarding Rural Development through Forestry, please contact me (215) 975-4103, or Lew McCreery, Group Leader, Rural Development Group, (304) 291-4159.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. RAINS
Area Director

cc:
William H. Gillespie

