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RAHALL, CORPS INVITE RESIDENTS TO GET INVOLVED

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) and the Corps of the Engineers today invited all residents of Cabell and Wayne Counties to participate in a public workshop geared toward gathering information on the Army Corps of Engineers' plans to enhance the West Virginia side of the Ohio River.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 1 in the Civic Center in Huntington.

The study has been authorized by Congress to consider the Ohio River, its shoreline, and the adjacent floodplains of the twelve West Virginia counties bordering the Ohio River. The study will focus on flood control, riverfront development, environmental issues, and economic development. Parks, scenic overlooks and public access to the river will be priority items in the study.

"This study will have a long-term impact on the entire region around Huntington for years to come," said Rahall. "It is in every citizens best interests to come out on August 1st and voice their concerns."

Rahall said that the meeting will be informal and will give all those who attend an opportunity to ask questions and give input into the critical study.

The meeting will be conducted by the Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with Rep. Rahall and other representatives of the State.

"I am hopeful that a tremendous turnout will greet the Corps," urged Rahall. "It is only through togetherness and a sense of civic pride that we will be able to affect the economic, social, and physical well-being of the Huntington area."

Rep. Rahall is a Member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, as well as the Subcommittee on Water Resources.

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Residents of Cabell and Wayne Counties are invited to participate in a public involvement workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to obtain and exchange information to assist the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of West Virginia in developing a plan to enhance the West Virginia side of the Ohio River. The meeting is scheduled in Huntington on Thursday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

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Municipalities and organizations along the river have suggested a number of study objectives. The workshop will be informal with the opportunity for attendees to express ideas and receive answers to questions about the study. The meeting will be conducted by the Corps of Engineers. Representatives of the Corps and the State will be available to answer questions.

The Huntington meeting is the last of seven meetings scheduled for the twelve counties that border the Ohio River. Meetings have been held in New Martinsville, Parkersburg, Weirton, Wheeling, Moundsville and Point Pleasant. The counties that border the Ohio River are: Tyler, Wetzel, Wood, Pleasants, Brocke, Hancock, Ohio, Marshall, Mason, Jackson, Cabell and Wayne.

Individuals who want to make comments, but who are unable to attend the meeting, may send them to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEORH-PD-F, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701-2070.