



U.S. Congressman

Nick Rahall*WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****JUNE 17, 1992****CONTACT: STEVE SPINA****PHONE: (202) 225-3452****ENERGY AND WATER BILL CONTAINS MILLIONS FOR WEST VIRGINIA**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The House Energy and Water Appropriations bill, a measure which contains millions in water projects for West Virginia, today passed the House of Representatives, according to U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV).

The bill funds the Appalachian Regional Commission at \$185 million for fiscal year 1993, \$100 million more than the President proposed.

"I applaud the subcommittee for rejecting the President's proposed cut to ARC," said Rahall. "That would have been -- and reflects the Administration's penchant for -- complete and total abandonment of the poverty pockets of the United States which are found in Appalachia."

Also included in the massive funding bill was \$1.5 million in federal funding for West Virginia, a portion of which will be used for Cabell and Wayne county river projects. *\$1.90*

The bill allocates \$750,000, a portion of which would be used for a feasibility study of development along the Virginia Point riverfront in Wayne County. Local matching funds would be necessary in receiving the funds, and local sponsors have agreed to provide the match.

The bill also provides another \$750,000, a portion of which would be used for a comprehensive port development study along the West Virginia sides of the Ohio River and the Big Sandy River. The study would focus on the Cabell and Wayne riverfronts and no local matching share would be needed.

"Riverfront development is one of the keys to unlocking the economic development potential that exists along the Big Sandy and Ohio Rivers, and these funds will permit us to move forward into the next critical phase of the process," said Rahall.

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill also allots \$67.45 million for the Levisa and Tug Forks and Upper Cumberland River projects in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia; \$25 million for the Gallipolis Locks and Dams; and \$38.5 million for the Winfield Lock and Dam. *\$1 Mil ; \$500,000 each*

Three Corps of Engineers general investigations and planning projects were included: Island Creek at Logan, WV received \$304,000 for planning; Kanawha River Navigation received \$1.1 million for investigations; and Moorefield, WV received \$585,000 for planning.

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Rahall added that the bill also includes the Corps of Engineers' Operations and Maintenance projects for the coming fiscal year:

Beech Fork Lake, WV	\$679,000
Bluestone Lake, WV	\$1.3 million
Burnsville Lake, WV	\$1.2 million
East Lynn Lake, WV	\$1.1 million
Elk River Harbor, WV	\$314,000
Elkins, WV	\$6,000
Kanawha River Locks and Dams, WV	\$8.8 million
Ohio River Locks and Dams, WV	\$14.2 million
Ohio River Open Channel Work, WV.....	\$1.8 million
R.D. Bailey Lake, WV	\$1.3 million
Stonewall Jackson Lake, WV	\$892,000
Summersville Lake, WV	\$1.5 million
Sutton Lake, WV	\$1.8 million
Tygart Lake, WV	\$1.1 million

"I cannot express vividly enough how important these funds are to West Virginia," said Rahall. "They are a undeniable part of our flood control efforts, our navigation needs, and the successful operation and maintenance of our water resources."

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