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GARDNER ROAD PROJECT RECEIVES LAST LEG OF SEWAGE TREATMENT FUNDING

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Gardner Road water and sewer project leaped its final funding hurdle today when the Economic Development Administration (EDA) committed \$1.1 million to its successful completion, according to U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV).

"This is the final leg of funding for the Gardner Road project," said Rahall. "We worked very hard to see this project through and I want to thank all of those who worked so hard on making it a reality."

The EDA's \$1.1 million will bring the total project funding up to \$2.3 million. The project will extend public utilities to the Gardner interchange area off I-77 and the Turnpike Industrial Park near the intersection of I-77 and U.S. Route 460 near Princeton, West Virginia.

The project is expected to create 140 new private sector jobs and retain over 300 existing jobs. Local funding will make up \$475,028 of the project costs.

"This is a tremendous piece of news for Mercer County," said Rahall. "Our water and sewage problem is second to none in southern West Virginia and there is much more to be done. We will continue to work with local and federal officials until every West Virginian has the clean water they deserve."

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PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Project No. and Title:

**WV-10998-92-I-214-0302 - Gardner/Turnpike Industrial
Water and Sewer Project, Mercer County, West
Virginia**

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Grantee:

Town of Athens

Funding:

ARC:	\$ 740,972
Federal:	1,100,000
Non-Federal:	
State:	
Local:	475,028
Total:	\$2,316,000

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Appalachian Regional Commission announced today approval of a \$740,972 grant to extend sewer and water service to the Gardner interchange off of I-77. The project consists of the extension of public utilities into two separate areas in order to facilitate both the expansion and retention of private sector employment. The areas affected by the project includes the Gardner interchange area located off of I-77 and the Turnpike Industrial Park located near the intersection of I-77 and U.S. Rt. 460 near Princeton. The overall project represents the creation of approximately 140 new private sector jobs and the retention of over 300 existing jobs.

In addition to the ARC funds EDA is contributing \$1,100,000, the Town of Athens is contributing \$14,437, Mercer County Public School is contributing \$131,632, West Virginia Division of Highways is contributing \$131,632, the Development Authority of Mercer County is contributing \$131,632 and the U.S. Department of Agriculture is contributing \$66,492 for a total project cost of \$2,316,000.