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**WEST VIRGINIA GROUPS WIN NATIONAL  
TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA AWARD**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Beech Fork Lake Project and the Division of Natural Resources' Youth Conservation Program are among the national winners in the annual Take Pride in America awards program, U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) announced today.

"While most folks know the Army Corps as a builder of locks and dams, this award illustrates another more benign side of the agency," Rahall said. "It is great that the outstanding work of the West Virginia Youth Conservation Program has gained national recognition," he added.

The Take Pride in America National Awards Program recognizes individuals and public and private organizations which have contributed to the wise use of America's resources. The winners are selected by a panel of judges headed by Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan. This year there are 100 winners nationwide, three of which are from West Virginia.

In addition to the Corps of Engineers and the West Virginia Youth Conservation Program, also receiving an award is Pride Against Litter in Elkins.

The Beech Fork Lake Project is being recognized for its volunteer program that resulted in the collection of five tons of garbage from the lake. The DNR's Youth Conservation Program received an award due to its statewide environmental education and litter control programs. Pride Against Litter in Elkins is being honored for its litter control efforts in Randolph County.

"I want to commend the Beech Fork project manager, Ronald Hooper, and the Huntington District for receiving this award. This award is also a tribute to the youth groups in West Virginia who participate in the conservation program and to DNR Director Ed Hamrick as well," Rahall said.

The award winners will be invited to Washington, D.C., for a July 21st ceremony at Constitution Hall.

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## **INTERIOR SECRETARY MANUEL LUJAN ANNOUNCES TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS**

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced that there are 100 National Winners in the sixth annual Take Pride in America awards program. "The competition this year was intense," said Lujan. "These winners represent the best of America -- where citizens take responsibility and take action."

Nearly 850 nominations were received for this year's awards program and 276 were chosen as Finalists. The Winners were selected by a Blue Ribbon Panel of Judges headed by Secretary Lujan. National Winners represent 35 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

The National Winners and other awards program participants will be invited to Washington, D.C. for a July 21 ceremony at Constitution Hall, where the National Winners will be honored.

Take Pride in America, a broad-based partnership of millions of volunteers, all 50 states, 14 federal agencies, and the private sector, educates and motivates Americans to preserve and enhance the Nation's natural, cultural and historic public resources.

The Take Pride in America National Awards Program recognizes individuals and public and private organizations which have contributed to the wise use of America's resources. Individuals and groups competed in 10 categories including: Constituent Organizations/Civic Associations, Businesses/Corporations, Youth, Media, Educational Institutions, Individuals, Public/Private Partnerships, and Local, State and Federal Governments.

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**Note to Editors: A listing of the Winners is attached.**

427W  
Northern Neck Recycling Task Force  
Post Office Box 314  
Irvington, VA 22480  
(804) 435-2589  
Constituent Org./Civic Assn.

431W  
Moneta Community 4-H Club  
Route 2, Box 26  
Moneta, VA 24121  
(703) 297-7161  
Youth

440W  
Franklin County Public Schools  
102 Bernard Road  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151  
(703) 483-5138  
Educational Institutions

#### WASHINGTON DC

763W  
Center for Marine Conservation  
Suite 500  
1725 DeSales Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036  
(804) 851-6734  
Public/Private Partnerships

799W  
National Coal Association  
1130-17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 463-2659  
Constituent Org./Civic Assn.

#### WASHINGTON

531W  
Volunteers for Outdoor Washington  
4516 University Way Northeast  
Seattle, WA 98105-4511  
(206) 723-2988  
Constituent Org./Civic Assn.

532W  
Cathlamet FFA  
Wahkiakum High School  
Post Office Box 398  
Cathlamet, WA 98612  
(206) 795-3271  
Youth

537W  
The Adopt-A-Stream Foundation  
Post Office Box 5558  
Everett, WA 98206  
(206) 388-3487  
Public/Private Partnerships

#### WEST VIRGINIA

128W  
Pride Against Litter (PAL)  
P.O. Box 130, 201 Henry Ave.  
Elkins, WV 26241-0130  
(304) 636-2455  
Public/Private Partnerships

133W  
West Virginia Youth Conservation  
Program  
Division of Natural Resources  
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E., Bldg 3, Rm. 732  
Charleston, WV 25305  
(304) 348-3370  
State Governments

134W  
United States Army Corps of Engineers  
Beech Fork Lake  
Post Office Box 600  
Lavalette, WV 25535-0600  
(304) 525-4831  
Federal Government

#### WYOMING

518W  
Mr. William J. Mentock  
701 Circle Drive  
Buffalo, WY 82834  
(307) 684-5586  
Individuals

524W  
Lander Fish & Wildlife Management  
Assistance Office  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
170 North First Street  
Lander, WY 82520  
(307) 332-2159  
Federal Government