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RAHALL ANNOUNCES \$75,000 GRANT FOR WEST VIRGINIA WETLANDS

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$75,000 for FY 1992 to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources for a statewide Wetlands Protection Program.

This funding is authorized under the Clean Water Act, which assists states in developing new or enhancing existing wetlands protection programs. The grant funds are not to be used for operational support of state wetlands protection programs, rather funding is to be applied towards encouraging developing programs or augmenting ongoing effective state wetlands programs.

"I applaud all of the Federal, State, and local programs made possible through the Clean Water Act. After all, West Virginia's natural beauty and environmental diversity are among its best assets," stated Rahall.

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