

## Press Release

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### **Ceremony signals beginning for new Mercer County Flooding Warning System**

HUNTINGTON, WV... Congressman Nick Joe Rahall II will serve as guest speaker at the signing ceremony for the Mercer County Flood Warning System Project, Friday, July 8, 11:00 a.m. at the Mercer County Courthouse, Princeton, W.Va. The project cooperation agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (WVOES) will officially mark the beginning of the \$200,000 flood warning system project.

The Project will consist of an improved flooding warning system for Mercer County. It includes installation of four rain gauges at Bramwell, Egeria, Arista and Bluefield, as well as installation of four combination rain and stream gauges on the Bluestone River near Camp Creek, Bluestone River near Spanishburg, Payne Branch near Oakvale, and Brush Creek near Glenwood.

The new gauges will be incorporated into the existing warning system operated jointly by the National Weather Service and the WVOES. The project is expected to be completed in about a year.

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