

WASHINGTON-Congressman Spencer Bachus is pleased to announce that the House overwhelmingly (412-8) passed the Water Resources Development Act of 2003 that includes an authorization for St. Clair County of \$5 million. The funds are to be used for water-related infrastructure.

"The Coosa Valley Water Authority is in the process of seeking out additional water sources to serve the growing population in St. Clair County and to also serve the Honda Plant expansion across the county line in Lincoln. The Water Authority is looking at extending water lines to all parts of the county, tapping the Coosa River and a host of other improvements. This authorization is the first step in the right direction in making these projects a reality", Bachus said.

The Authorization will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to assist in permitting, engineering, and possibly construction. The Coosa Valley Water Authority will determine their participation in each. Now that the authorization is complete, the next step is to go to the Energy and Water Appropriations Committee next year and ask for an appropriation to fund the project.