

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) announced he has obtained \$750,000 in funds for the construction of a new emergency storm shelter in Bibb County. The storm shelter will be located in the City of Brent.

The project is included in the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009, which was approved by the House yesterday.

Congressman Bachus said, "This is a shelter that will provide residents in Bibb County with better shelter from the storm. We are all aware of the damage and loss of life that past tornadoes have caused in Bibb County. This shelter will meet exacting safety guidelines and serve as a safe place for people to gather when a severe storm is on the way. It was a pleasure to work with our local officials in Brent and Bibb County on this project."

The City of Brent will use the funding for planning, construction, and any lot improvements necessary for access to the shelter.

Brent Mayor Dennis Stripling said, "We thank Congressman Bachus for his support of this project. It will help provide a safe place for our citizens to shelter during bad weather in the community."

Funding would be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Legislation must be passed by both the House and Senate and signed by the President before becoming law.