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Spratt Wins Funds to Help Redevelop Textile Corridor

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) today announced a grant of \$270,000 in federal funds to help redevelop Rock Hill's "textile corridor," which includes the area surrounding the former Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company, better known as the "Bleachery." Rep. Spratt originated the request to have the funds included in an omnibus appropriation bill that Congress passed yesterday.

"The Bleachery and several abandoned mills near the center of the city have discouraged, if not blocked, new development," said Spratt. "These funds will help the city redirect development and stimulate development."

The City of Rock Hill, York County, Winthrop University, York Technical College, Rock Hill Schools, Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce, and the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation are all working in concert on plans to reclaim Rock Hill's "textile corridor." Federal funds will help the process move ahead and will prime the pump, but more funding will be needed, eventually including private sector investments to develop the reclaimed corridor.

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