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Larsen: Army Corps Commits to \$700,000 in Funding for Skagit G.I.

WASHINGTON—Rep. Rick Larsen, WA-02, today announced that the Skagit General Investigation (G.I.) Study will receive \$700,000 in federal funds from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 2012. Larsen urged U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy to provide funding for the study in a phone call and a <u>letter last week</u>.

"This is great news for Skagit County, and shows the strength of the Skagit G.I. and the community's united support for the project," Larsen said. "This is a major commitment from the Army Corps and it means the Skagit G.I. is moving forward. I made it clear to Assistant Secretary Darcy last week that the G.I. is at a critical stage. This funding pushes the study toward completion, bringing the entire Skagit Valley community one step closer to constructing flood control projects that will protect the lives and the property in the community."

The funding for the Skagit G.I. is included in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' work plan for fiscal year 2012, which was provided to Congress this week.

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