SALEM CHURCH
Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project
Contract No. OSM 17(7070,7066)101.1

Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Rachel Carson State Office Building, 13th Floor
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Location: This project consists of two sites located in Bradford and Boggs Townships, Clearfield County. Site “A” is located approximately 2 miles southwest of the I-80/SR-970 interchange, near an access road at the intersection of Hogback Hill Road (SR 2027) and Wilson Road (TR 315), approximately 1 mile south of the village of Mineral Springs. LAT. (40° 59’ 17”) LONG. (-78° 21’ 57”), Wallaceton Quad. Site “B” is located approximately 1 mile south of Bigler, PA and 1 mile northwest of Wallaceton, PA, near an access road off of Prospect Road (TR 673). LAT. (40° 57’ 55.2”) LONG. (-78° 18’ 25.6”), Wallaceton Quad.

Watershed: Moshannon-Mosquito Creeks Watershed (D)

Official Start Date: June 6, 2014

Contract Completion Date: November 9, 2015

Contractor: Morgan's Excavating, LLC
15408 Hill Valley Road
Mount Union, PA 17066

Property Owners:
1. Delbert J. and Judy K. Wisor, West Decatur, PA
2. Sharon L. Folmar, Drifting, PA
3. John H. and Irene M. McBride, Clearfield, PA
4. Derek A. Walker, Bigler, PA
5. Heather M. McDanel and Beverly A. Lawhead, West Decatur, PA
6. Artie K. Baughman, West Decatur, PA
7. Althea Pusateri, Baltimore, MD

Project Cost: $1,011,536.61 (Final Amount); $944,819.35 (Bid Amount)

Project Area: 69.1 Acres

Purpose: To eliminate a public health and safety hazard by backfilling and grading abandoned mine lands in Bradford and Boggs Townships, Clearfield County.
Description: The two abandoned strip-mined sites, Site “A” and Site “B”, are approximately three miles apart. The smaller 4.3-acre Site “A” is located one mile south of the village of Mineral Springs, and was mined prior to 1952. Reclamation consisted of re-grading and re-vegetating highwalls, pits, and mine spoils. The Site “A” Priority 1 Dangerous Highwall was approximately 35 feet in height and 540 feet in length. It was located within 40 feet of Wilson Road. One home lies within 75 feet of where the highwall existed and several other homes are within 500 feet. Most of the backfill material came from adjacent on-site spoils. However, this site lacked sufficient material required to properly backfill the highwall because the adjacent landowner was not interested in reclamation. Approximately 7,000 cubic yards of material from Site “B” were hauled three miles to Site “A” in order to complete the reclamation. Site “A” would not have been reclaimed if it were not for the joint project. The larger 62-acre Site “B” is located approximately 1 mile south of the town of Bigler. Site “B” was mined by Harbison-Walker Refractories, and then abandoned in 1970. Reclamation also consisted of re-grading and re-vegetating the highwalls, pits, and mine spoils. Site “B” was comprised of several Dangerous Highwall features totaling approximately 4,000 feet in length and ranging from 40 to 50 feet in height. There are six (6) residences located within 1,000 feet of where the highwalls existed, and the area was heavily used by ATV riders.

Funding: Pennsylvania's Abandoned Mine Land Grant

Project Management: Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Harrisburg Office
717.783.2267
Accomplishments:

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AMLF = Abandoned Mine Land Feature  
DH = Dangerous Highwall  
SA = Spoil Area  
LF = Linear Feet
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Aerial View

Site “A” Aerial Photo

Site “B” Aerial Photo
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Post-Construction