Location: The project site is located in Venango Township, Butler County and can be accessed from Interstate 80 West (I-80W), by taking Exit 42 for PA-38 toward Emelton. Turn left onto PA-38 South and follow for 5.2 miles. Turn right onto PA-58 West/West Main Street and continue for 3.2 miles to the property address (360 Eau Claire Road, Boyers, PA). The site will be located on both sides of PA-58.

Watershed: Unnamed Tributary to Seaton Creek, Cold Water Fishes (CWF)

Official Start Date: June 21, 2019

Contract Completion Date: September 15, 2020

Contractor: Ligonier Construction

Property Owners: Hindman Family Holdings, LLC
360 Eau Claire Road
Boyers, PA 16020

Shannon Stewart and
Arthur L. Miller
353 Eau Claire Road
Boyers, PA 16020

Project Cost: $759,695.87 (Final Amount)
$742,226.62 (Bid Amount)

Project Area: 39 Acres

Purpose: To eliminate public health and safety hazards abandoned mine lands (AML) located in close proximity to places of high foot traffic areas.

Description: The Kohlmeyer Corner West project involved eliminating four dangerous highwalls that varied in height from 25 to 50 feet and at a combined length of 7,100 linear feet. The plan consisted of utilizing associated spoil pile areas to backfill and reclaim the dangerous highwalls. With eight homes and one township building located throughout the site and the closest home being 150 feet from the top of one recently reclaimed dangerous highwalls, the area showed signs of frequent visitation, such as garbage, empty alcohol containers, fire pits, tree stands, and rutted ORV tracks. State Route 58 (SR-58), which runs parallel along the top of one of the dangerous highwalls, had no guiderail to prevent cars from driving too close to the edge of the highwall. All highwalls were easily accessible by foot and off-road vehicles.
(ORVs) with some of the trails running directly along the top of the highwalls. These dangerous abandoned mine features, located within Problem Area 6965 (PA 6965) and referenced within the Eau Claire East 7.5 Minute USGS Quadrangle Map, are a direct result of surface mining of the Taylor Mine by the P.W. Hindman Coal Company that ceased operations in 1959. Each AML feature met the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s (OSMRE) Priority 2 safety criteria for Dangerous Highwalls.

**Funding:**
Pennsylvania’s Abandoned Mine Land Grant

**Project Management:**
Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Cambria District Office
814.472.1800

**Accomplishments:**

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AMLF = Abandoned Mine Land Feature
DH = Dangerous Highwall
SA = Spoil Area
L.F. = Linear Feet
Pre-Construction

Figure 1: AMLF No. 6965-01 (Dangerous Highwall)

Figure 2: AMLF No. 6965-03 (Dangerous Highwall)
Pre-Construction

Figure 3: AMLF No. 6965-06 (Dangerous Highwall)

Figure 4: AMLF No. 6965-05 (Dangerous Highwall)
Pre-Construction

Figure 5: AMLF No. 6965-05 (Dangerous Highwall)
**KOHLMEYER CONRNER WEST**  
**CONTRACT NO. OSM 10(6965)101.1**  

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Figure 10: Seeding after Final Grade

Figure 11: Installation of Subsurface Drain

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Figure 18: Subsurface Drain after Vegetation Established