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Patrick M. Webb, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Webb,

I am pleased to announce that the Forest City East – Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Access Project has been selected to receive the 2026 Appalachian States Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award from the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). Your project is an example of excellence in mine reclamation that emphasizes the elimination of the health, safety, and environmental problems which commonly plague abandoned mine lands.

OSM will announce the AML Reclamation Award winners during the week of September 20, 2026. Our Awards Program Lead, Lilli Pickens-Mitchell (lpickens-mitchell@osmre.gov) is also prepared to coordinate public announcements about the award with your state's communications team.

The AML Reclamation Awards will be presented September 21, 2026 during the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML P) Conference, to be held in Park City, Utah. Our Awards Program Lead will reach out to your program to see if you want to provide any additional project information or media content prior to announcement.

OSM's Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award is the highest honor a reclamation program can achieve. Congratulations to you and your team on earning this distinction.

Sincerely,

Lanny E. Erdos
Director
Office of Surface Mining