Building Broad Coalitions Throughout the EPCAMR Region

EPCAMR is looking to continue to build partnerships in Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania around impacts not just from abandoned coal mines but also abandoned quarries, limestone, sand and gravel, and other natural resource extraction activities. We encourage membership from other organizations, conservation districts, individuals, and businesses to become involved with our regional organization to address the important issues associated with achieving clean water, land reclamation, economic development, job opportunities, and environmental education and outreach throughout the region.

Now, more than ever, EPCAMR would like gain the support of community groups, local governments, educational institutions, conservancy groups, conservation districts, reclamation related organizations, land trusts, historical societies, cultural organizations, Trout Unlimited chapters, co-generation plants, coal companies, and private sector industries. These partnerships will allow EPCAMR to provide the necessary resources, information, data, first-hand knowledge, anecdotal evidence, technical resources, mapping, historic mine maps (both surface and underground), and institutional knowledge from community leaders and volunteers who want to achieve the same goal of restoring our watershed impacted by past mining practices.

A large majority of EPCAMR’s work has focused on areas impacted by both bituminous and anthracite coal mining. We are willing to assess and provide technical assistance in other areas. Contact us today to find out how to become a partner!

For updates on future volunteer opportunities and what’s going on in the office, sign up for our monthly newsletter in the “Volunteer Registration Form” under the “Get Involved!” tab on our website at www.epcamr.org.

EPCAMR’s Office is centrally located off Interstate-81 Exit 164 (Nanticoke) onto State Route 29 Exit 1 (Ashley/Sugar Notch) then right onto S. Main Street for a mile (Red Brick Building on the left).

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EPCAMR is a regional non-profit environmental organization that works throughout Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania’s Anthracite, Semi-anthracite and Bituminous Coalfields with community groups, local governments, schools, colleges and universities, as well as mining companies, conservation districts, reclamation-related businesses, watershed groups, Trout Unlimited chapters, and other regional non-profit organizations to support the reclamation of abandoned mine lands (AML) and the remediation of polluted abandoned mine drainage (AMD) rivers and streams impacted by past mining practices.

Our staff and board are interested in developing partnerships with community leaders and organizations that seek opportunities to leverage funding from various levels of government, foundations, corporate donations, and volunteer matching funds from individuals interested in becoming involved in local projects within their own coal-impacted communities.

EPCAMR creates new partnerships and builds on existing ones to raise the awareness of our mission and goals. We provide professional services to support AML reclamation, AMD remediation efforts and watershed restoration projects in our region and beyond.

“The general purpose of the EPCAMR is to encourage the reclamation and redevelopment of land affected by past mining practices. This includes reducing hazards to health and safety, eliminating soil erosion, improving water quality, and returning land affected by past mining practices to productive use, thereby improving the economy of the region.”

—Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director

Although AMD is often thought to be orange due to iron oxide, it has many different colors and levels of toxicity dependent on the chemistry. This form of AMD is crystal blue, which gets its hue from the high amount of aluminum. The Jeddo Tunnel of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania releases an estimated 40,000 gallons of polluted mine water every minute.

“The orange pollutant in AMD known as iron-oxide pours out of the Old Forge Borehole in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania at an estimated 40 to 100 million gallons a day. This amount of drainage per day is equivalent to the amount of water the average person uses in an entire year!

EPCAMR prides ourselves on the professional quality of our work created by our highly skilled, passionate staff who are committed to watershed restoration, land reclamation, and providing educational awareness of our efforts to reclaim mining impacted areas in the Anthracite and Bituminous Coalfield communities that are often underrepresented.”

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Who We Are

Our Mission

Technical and Outreach Programs

- Professional Services for Water Quality, Flow, Borehole Monitoring, Maintenance & Operation of AMD Treatment Systems
- Environmental Education Programs to Underserved School Districts and Environmental Justice Coalfield Communities
- Visual Habitat, Biological Fishery and Macro-Invertebrate Assessments, Trout Stream Coldwater Conservation & Watershed Assessment Plan Development
- Mapping & 3D Modeling of Mine Sites & Underground Mine Pool Complex Geology

Mine Map in process (scanned, georeferenced, mosaicked, & digitized) for the PA Mine Map Atlas

"Reclaim Abandoned Mine Lands Through Partnerships Today, for a Cleaner Environment Tomorrow!"