

# Revitalizing Mine Scarred Lands

## Pennsylvania Brownfields Conference

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# Unique Needs of Communities with Mine Scarred Lands

- Economic distress
- Challenging real estate conditions
- Development readiness
- Financing reclamation

# Mine Scarred Lands and the Brownfields Law

- The Brownfields Law ( The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act) enacted in 2002
- Definition of “Brownfield” includes “mine scarred land”
- Mine Scarred Lands are eligible for EPA assessment, cleanup, and technical assistance funding
- Mine Scarred Lands include, but are not limited to, abandoned coal mines and lands scarred by strip mining

# Brownfields Mine Scarred Lands Projects

- Mine Scarred Lands Pilot Projects
- Mine Scarred Lands Toolkit
- Partner in National Summit of Mining Communities
- Earth Conservancy Workshop
- West Virginia University Grant to study growing switchgrass on mine scarred lands

# EPA's Mine Scarred Lands Goal

- Promote mine scarred lands cleanup and reuse through assessment and cleanup funding and technical assistance
- Leverage best practices and lessons learned to benefit additional communities

# For More Information

- Brownfields and Mine Scarred Lands at [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)
- EPA and Abandoned Mine Lands at [www.epa.gov/aml/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/aml/index.htm)
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