



Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation

About Us

Membership

24 County
Conservation Districts

Region

Bituminous Coal Region of
Western Pennsylvania

Critical Issues

Advocacy for the Programs
and Policies around
Abandoned Mine Reclamation

Operations, Maintenance, and
Rehabilitation of existing
AMD treatment systems

Education and Outreach to
Increase AMR work and
Effectiveness

WPCAMR

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Mission

Advance, promote, and advocate for all Abandoned Mine Reclamation (AMR) aspects to further environmental improvements of the Commonwealth's land and water resources to foster economic revitalization in our communities.

Who We Are

WPCAMR came into being in 1981 when a group from Western Pennsylvania, intent on improving the devastation resulting from over a century's worth of unregulated coal mining, was formed. Comprised of conservation district leaders, federal conservation professionals, and other conservation-minded individuals, the group believed more resources should be made available and applied to the monumental Abandoned Mine Reclamation (AMR) issues of the region. WPCAMR's board of directors is comprised of delegates, one each from its 24-member Conservation Districts in the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania. WPCAMR has four officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. General membership is open to organizations and individuals. WPCAMR is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that works collaboratively with many partners to achieve its mission and vision. Meetings are held quarterly.

Vision

WPCAMR envisions the Commonwealth with healthy, clean streams and productive land resulting in a prosperous economy free of the lingering effects of abandoned mines.

What We Do

Over the last forty years, advocacy and outreach efforts have allowed WPCAMR to be instrumental in the efforts to obtain funding to address AMR. AMR issues addressed have included degraded water quality, land reclamation, "Good Samaritan" legislation, reauthorization of SMCRA in 2006 and 2021, digitizing data for abandoned mine sites, coordination of the PA AMR Conference, now nearly 25 years running, acting as a pass-through agency for funding aimed at Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), and providing funds for urgent/emergency repairs on abandoned mine drainage treatment systems and other Growing Greener-eligible water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the form of the Quick Response Program.

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