

## ANDERSON CREEK

# ABANDONED MINE DRAINAGE EDUCATION WORKSHOP AND TOUR

### Background

The economic significance of historical clay and coal mining near Anderson Creek is profound. However, despite the regional and national importance historical mining has left this area with polluted streams and barren lands.

Join Trout Unlimited, the Clearfield County Conservation District, and others to learn about historical mining around Anderson Creek and what it means for us today. This free program includes lunch and a bus tour of local areas impacted by historical mining.

To find out more about this program visit the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition website at [www.wbsrc.com](http://www.wbsrc.com)

**Saturday, August 15**  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Where

Curwensville Civic Center  
11 Stadium Drive, Curwensville, PA 16833

### Agenda/Topics

- What is abandoned mine drainage and how is it formed
- Historical coal mining near Anderson Creek
- What's being done to clean up our streams
- How cleaning up mine drainage pollution will benefit the economy

This program will meet standards for teachers to obtain ACT 48 credits.





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## Issues/Benefits

In response to the nation's current economic climate, environmental-related issues have taken a back-seat to domestic policy and unemployment. In fact, a January poll by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center cites that only 41% of voters deemed protecting the environment a top priority—down 15 points from last years' 56%. While this precipitous drop is not surprising, it highlights the fact that environmental issues are not likely associated with job creation or increased local economic productivity.

Contrary to this evidence, Trout Unlimited recently published a study documenting the economic benefits associated with fixing local abandoned mine drainage pollution problems. The study reports that cleaning up the more than 1,200 miles of streams polluted with abandoned mine drainage in the West Branch Susquehanna River watershed could potentially create approximately 6,000 jobs and an associated \$800 million in economic benefits. The study also reports that streams free of abandoned mine drainage pollution would potentially generate \$22.3 million in sport fishing revenue on an annual basis.

**Reserve your space for this FREE event by calling Trout Unlimited at 570-748-4901 or by e-mail at [info@wbsrc.org](mailto:info@wbsrc.org)**