

MOSHANNON CREEK

ABANDONED MINE DRAINAGE EDUCATION WORKSHOP AND TOUR

Background

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

Join Trout Unlimited, the Clearfield County Conservation District, and others to learn about historical coal mining around Moshannon 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

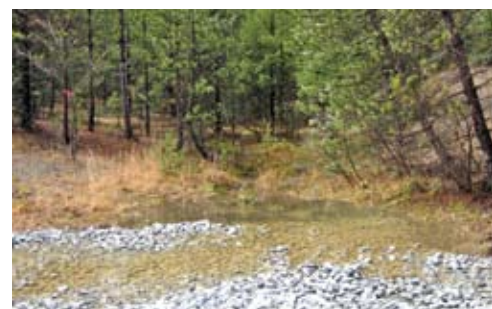
Friday, August 21
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where

Osceola Mills VFW
Corner of Coal and Lingle St, Osceola Mills, PA 16666

Agenda/Topics

- What is abandoned mine drainage and how is it formed
- Historical coal mining near Moshannon Creek
- What's being done to clean up our streams
- How cleaning up mine drainage pollution will benefit the economy
- How township officials and the local community partnered to cleanup one Pennsylvania stream that was affected by past mining





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

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.

Space is limited for the bus tour so reserve your seat today by calling Trout Unlimited at 570-748-4901 or by e-mailing info@wbsrc.org

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