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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Office of Active and Abandoned Mine Operations

**SWOYERSVILLE REFUSE PILE - COMMUNITY  
ATHLETIC AREA**

**Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project  
Contract No. OSM40(2233)103.1(GA)**

**Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation  
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ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION PROJECT  
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**FACT SHEET**

**Location:** Near the center of Swoyersville Borough, Luzerne County

**Watershed:** Susquehanna River Basin

**Official Start Date:** September 21, 2018

**Contract Completion Date:** October 31, 2023

**Contractor:** Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation

**Property Owners:** Pagnotti Enterprises Inc.

**Project Cost:** \$4,000,000

**Project Area:** 27.8 acres work area

**Purpose:** To reclaim two AML features, remove coal fuel silt and provide an additional Athletic Area for Swoyersville Borough

**Description:** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection – Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (DEP-BAMR) is proposing Project OSM 40(2233)103.1 (GA) Swoyersville Refuse Pile – Community Athletic Area Grant to the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) that consists of FY-2017 AMLER (formerly Pilot) Project and Title IV funding which will total \$4,000,000. The project meets the economic and community development nexus criteria of 2017 AML AMLER Category “B” Project. The coal material will be sent to electric cogeneration plants for fuel. In order to utilize the coal, the grant money is needed to augment the money being invested by Keystone Reclamation Fuel Management LLC for hauling the material to the plants.

The following Abandoned Mine Land features in Swoyersville Borough, Luzerne County are inventoried as AMLF 2233-04 Dangerous Pile and Embankment (DPE) measuring 4.4 acres and AMLF 2233-05 (DPE) measuring 9.9 acres. The project will consist of removing approximately 466,000 tons of coal refuse materials that are in two settling basins that make up these DPE’s on the Harry E breaker site. This project will be

accomplished by the grants mentioned above and a Government Financed Construction Contract (GFCC) approved by the Pottsville District Mine Office. The total coal refuse to be moved for the project will be 950,000 tons. Once the project is complete 7.5 acres of the property adjacent to Church Street will be deeded to Swoyersville Borough for use as a community athletic complex in perpetuity.

The road entrance and E&S controls were completed and invoiced by April 30, 2019. The coal silt material is being moved from the south side of the site from the lower basin to the processing area on the northwest area where it is being prepared for loadout and shipping to the powerplants for fuel. To the date of April 5, 2022, the amount invoiced totals \$1,475,589 of the total \$4,000,000, which is 37% of the project.

**Funding:**

2017 AMLER (formerly Pilot) Program and OSM Title IV

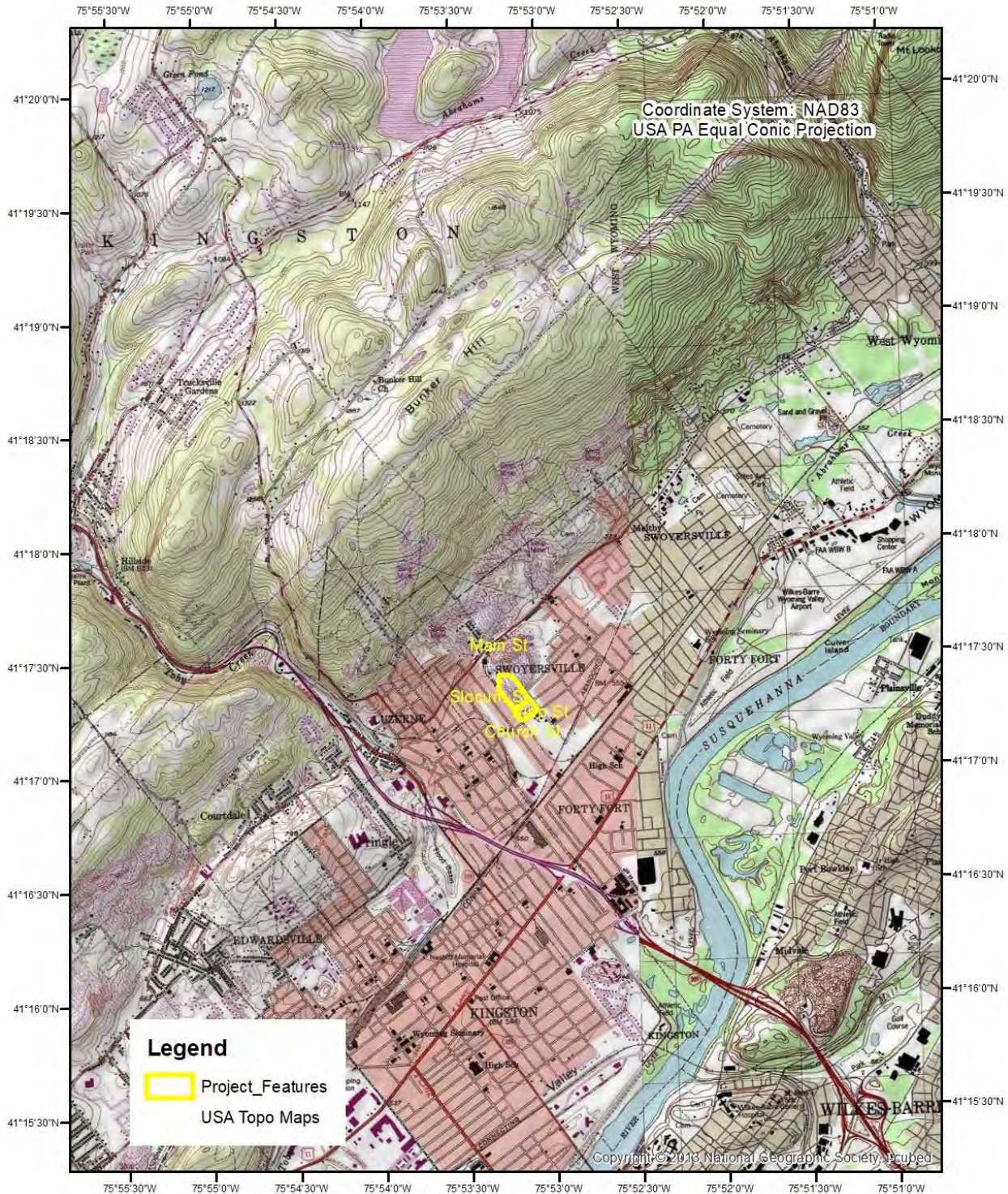
**Project Management:**

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## Location Map



**OSM40( 2233 )103.1(GA)**  
**Swoyersville Refuse Pile - Community Athletic Area**  
**Features 2233-04 and 05**  
**Kingston Quad, Luzerne County**



Map Date 09/22/21



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Pre-Construction



Lower silt bed of feature AMLF-05 looking north



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Looking north with feature AMLF -05 DPE in foreground and AMLF-04 DPE in background



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During-Construction



Looking northeast at entrance to the site off of Main St.

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**During-Construction**



First load out morning of March 26, 2019



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E&S drainage channel and basins looking south, Date: 05-17-19



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Material Processor near loading area, Date: 05-17-19



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Bulldozer mounding material for onsite transport in AMLF-05 looking north, Date: 05-17-19

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Material Processor moved up onto the upper basin level looking South, Date: 7/15/19



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Fresh stockpile of Silt Material awaiting loadout on upper basin level silt bed looking South.  
Date: 7/15/19

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Removing material from the lower level basin AMLF-05 looking Southwest. Date: 7/15/19



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Replenishing supply after high Cogen demand during Texas blackout. Date 3/22/2021

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Lower Basin looking north visit on 11/9/2021



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Visit to Panther Creek CoGen Plant on 11/9/2021