



Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) EXCELLENCE IN REFORESTATION AWARDS - OHIO

The Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) Core Team created an awards program to honor both active and abandoned coal mine reclamation operations from each state in the Appalachian Region that best exemplify the use of the Forestry Reclamation Approach in conducting reclamation operations.

A. Submission of Nominations

The format for submissions is outlined below. *Nominations are due by October 1st.* The presentation of awards will be made at a time yet to be determined. One regional award will be selected and given from the pool of state award recipients during the first quarter of the new year.

B. Judging the Submissions

The ARRI core team members from Ohio will judge the nominations from Ohio. A panel of judges comprised of ARRI core team members will be appointed to judge the nominations for the regional award.

C. Number of Awards

Awards will be made in two tiers. The first-tier winners will be a Title IV (AML) and Title V (Regulatory) site from each State. If the core team determines there are no eligible Title IV sites, two Title V sites can be selected. From those state winners, a regional winner will be selected.

D. The Awards

The awards will consist of an engraved plaque for each winner provided by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). All nominees will receive a letter of commendation signed by the Chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management and the Regional Director of OSM for their support of ARRI.

Rules and Required Information for Submission of Nominations

Nominations must be submitted by October 1st to:

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ODNR Division of Mineral Resources Management
2050 East Wheeling Avenue
Cambridge, Ohio 43725
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Nomination packages **must** be developed using the following format:

Format

Each nomination package must contain the required information (described below) in a three-ring, loose-leaf binder. Two copies must be submitted.

Cover sheet containing:

1. Company name.
2. Name and location of the nominated mining operation (including driving directions).
3. Permit number(s) of site being nominated (for Title IV sites, provide any identifying information available).
4. Name, address, phone number (and e-mail address if available) of a company contact person (and of the person submitting the nomination if different).
5. Names and titles of all individuals directly responsible for on-the-ground reclamation at the nominated site.

Narrative description of the reclamation using the Forestry Reclamation Approach

(http://arri.osmre.gov/PDFs/Pubs/FRA_No.2.7-18-07.Revised.pdf). The narrative should be comprehensive and should describe the mining operation and the specific activity nominated for an award using the following outline:

1. Brief history/background of the mining and reclamation.
2. Description of the efforts in planting trees and following the forestry reclamation approach, including specific problems, solutions, and unusual circumstances.
3. On-site effectiveness of tree planting using the FRA. This should be documented and quantified with data.
4. Transferability or value of the accomplishment(s) to other mining and reclamation operations.
5. Long-term benefits to the landowner and local or regional community.

Color photographs (not slides) should show both the specific activity and the surrounding reclamation. When examined with the narrative description, the photographs should provide a clear understanding of the exemplary accomplishments. Photographs should be 8" x 10" or smaller, and labeled to explain what the photo shows. "Before and after" photos are desirable, but not required. There is no limit to the number of photographs that may be submitted.