

What is land reclamation?

Reclamation is returning the land to the way it was or better than before mining.

A bulldozer spreads the topsoil.



To help protect the land, federal and state laws require all mined land to be returned to some useful purpose. Before mining coal companies must have a plan for the reclamation.

As soon as the mining starts, the reclamation process begins. This process continues long after all the coal is mined.

The overburden is returned to the same place from which the coal was taken.



The topsoil is replaced and the area is replanted.



Illinois Reclaimed Coal Mine Sites

Property County

State Owned/Managed Properties

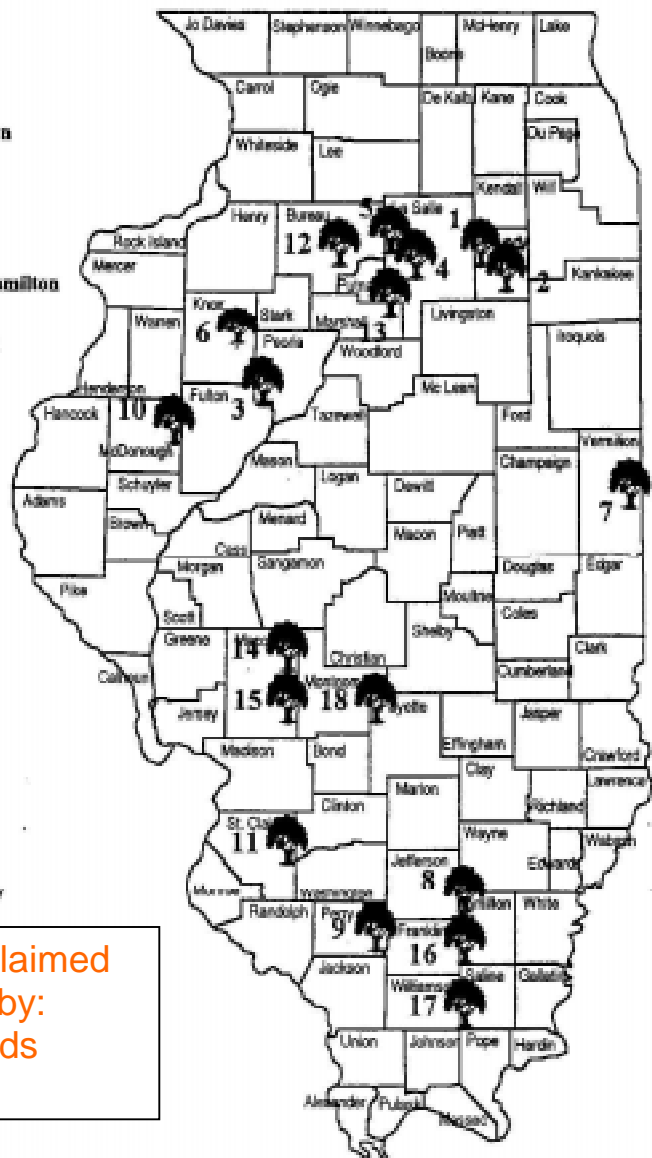
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| 1 | Goose Lake Prairie | Grundy |
| 2 | Mazonia-Braidwood | Grundy |
| 3 | Banner Marsh | Peoria/Fulton |
| 4 | Buffalo Rock State Park | LaSalle |
| 5 | Matthiessen State Park | LaSalle |
| 6 | Soakedown Hollow | Knox |
| 7 | Kickapoo State Park | Vermilion |
| 8 | Ten Mile Creek | Jefferson/Hamilton |
| 9 | Pyramid State Park | Perry |
| 10 | Argyle Lake | McDonough |
| 11 | River King | St. Claire |
| | Long Acre Park | St. Claire |

Municipal or County Owned Properties

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| 12 | Spring Valley Coal No. 3 | Bureau |
| | Spring Valley Coal No. 5 | Bureau |
| 13 | Prairie State Coal | Putnam |
| | Berry Coal | Putnam |
| 14 | Little Dog Mine | Macoupin |
| | Superior Coal | Macoupin |
| 15 | Consolidated Coal No. 14 | Macoupin |
| 16 | Freeman Orient No. 2 | Franklin |

Other Sites of Interest

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| 17 | Falzu, US Forest Service | Williamson |
| 18 | Freeman Crown | Montgomery |



Information for the map of reclaimed coal mine sites was provided by: Illinois Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Council.

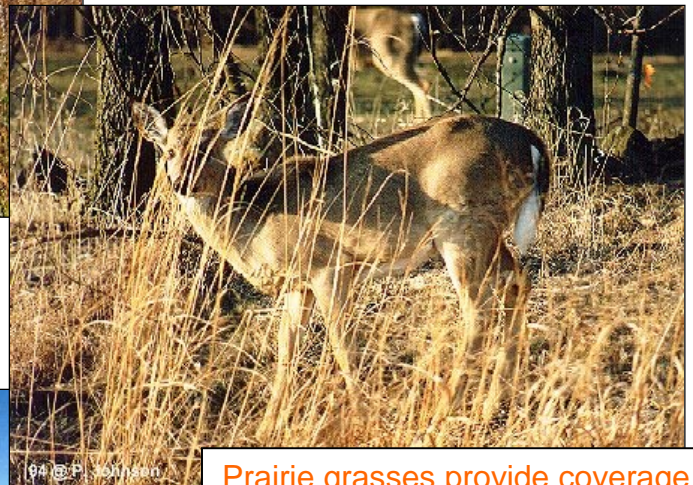


Reclaimed lands may be used as parks, golf courses and farmland. Some mining companies leave the land as a wildlife habitat.

This wetland in southern Illinois was once a surface mine. Now it is home to birds, fish, frogs and other wildlife.

The pictures below were taken at Goose Lake Prairie in Grundy County, Illinois.

Wildflowers and tall grasses grow along the walking paths.



Prairie grasses provide coverage for deer in the picture above.

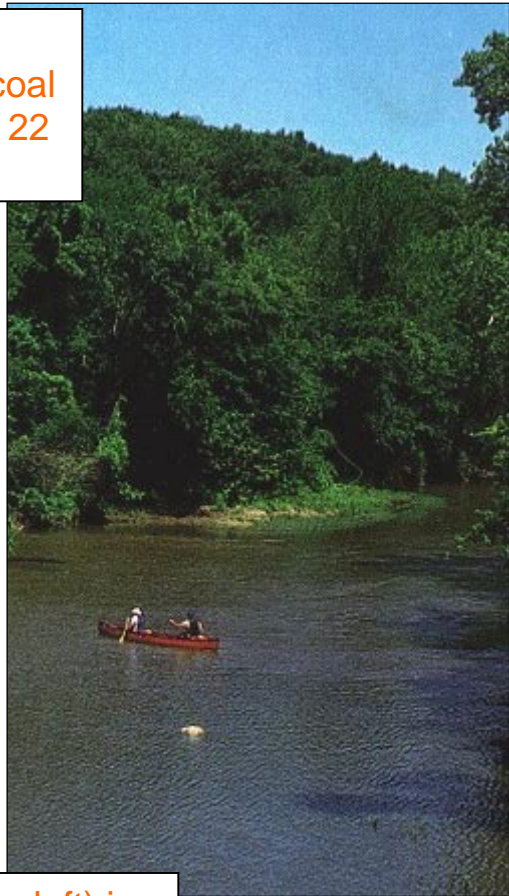


Lakes provide habitat for fish and geese.

Kickapoo Creek State Park (right) in Vermillion County was strip mined for coal from 1850 to 1940. This lake is one of 22 lakes on the property.



Ten Mile Creek in Jefferson County (above left) is home to thousands of ducks including mallard, teal and wood ducks.



Driving past these places, you often would not be able to tell the reclaimed land from land that had never been mined.

Land reclamation lets us balance our energy needs and our environmental needs.



Coal = Sum Difference



U 15	I 16	N 17	M 18	L 19	N 20	E 21	L 22
O 23	T 24	R 25	C 26	D 27	E 28	I 29	N 30
D 31	G 32	O 33	R 34	E 35	A 36	O 37	T 38
I 39	R 40	A 41	O 42	U 43	R 44	C 45	D 46
P 47	N 48	D 49	E 50	T 51	L 52	T 53	U 54
N 55	U 56	S 57	C 58	R 59	C 60	I 61	A 62

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+11	+14	+17	-28	+19	-18	+17	+16	-28	-18	-14

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