

Division of Abandoned Mine Lands AML PILOT Project Status Report

Grant Recipient Name: Big Sandy Area Development District
Project Name: Royalton Trail Town Pilot Project
Project Manager: Joe Jacobs
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Accomplishments:

At the November progress meeting AML announced that the project has received ATP. The consulting engineer for the project has completed design work and is finalizing the bid packets for site preparation work. The architect is completing some of the detailed specs to be included in the bid packet for construction work and is submitting plans to housing and building codes for review.

At the end of January the long-awaited floodplain permit was issued. In March AML assisted with a bat study for the borrow area and determined that tree cutting would have to be completed before April to avoid impacts. Tree cutting was completed on March 31st and the borrow area will be ready when a contractor is ready to begin site preparation. Advertising for site preparation bids is expected in May.

On Monday, March 25, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM a public meeting was conducted at the Magoffin County High School to present the site and building drawings and update the community on the status of the project. The meeting was very well attended. The next progress meeting will be scheduled in conjunction with the pre-bid meeting in May and will be scheduled as soon as the bid packets are ready for advertisement and distribution.

Performance outcome data/metrics:

Design activities continue as planned through April including preparation for bidding.

BSADD has created a link on its website to post information about the project's progress and conducted a public update meeting.

The floodplain permit has been issued.

Problems, issues, variances from plan:

Variances include the addition of acreage adjacent to the existing tract under lease and a new lease. (No expenditures of grant funds on the additional acreage will take place.) A re-configuration of the site attributes has taken place with a new site plan having been completed and agreed upon locally. Insurance coverage on the property is to be resolved (as noted in previous reports); it is anticipated that insurance will be on hold pending construction activity when the contractor will incur that expense. Local floodplain permit approval has now been granted allowing the project to proceed. Tree removal in the borrow areas is complete.