



OSM/VISTA Elkhorn Creek Watershed, WV

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The Elkhorn Creek Watershed Association, the OSM/VISTA, and concerned citizens are working together to instill pride in the community by educating people, supporting better living conditions and improving economic opportunities in all



communities of Elkhorn Creek and its tributaries.

The Elkhorn Creek Watershed runs from the headwaters at the Mercer County line to the mouth, which flows into the Tug Fork River at Welch, McDowell County, WV. The mission of the watershed association is to improve the condition of Elkhorn Creek and its tributaries, in order to preserve the health of the

residents and fish and wildlife, and to promote recreation, tourism, and economic growth.

Coal mining and processing is a major industry that influences the watershed. Although NRCS and AML have reclaimed several abandoned mine sites along the stream, including sites at Big Branch and Kimball, several sites still need to be reclaimed.

The watershed has been extensively strip mined, as well as deep mined. According to the WV Office of Miner's Health, Safety and Training, there are 13 active underground mines, 6 inactive underground mines, 2 active surface mines, and 1 inactive surface mine. There is 1 active coal preparation plant operated by Keystone Service, Cannelton Industries.



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