

Maryland Department of the Environment, Mining Program
Arbor Day 2013

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Mining Program, celebrated Arbor Day by hosting a tree planting event near Midland, Maryland. The April 17th event was held at a reclaimed mine forfeiture site. Prior to the tree planting event the site was ripped with a large dozer to reduce soil compaction. The ripping of the planting site was donated by a local coal company operating in the area.

The 3 acre site was planted with hardwood trees include black cherry, red oak, red maple, redbud, Allegheny Chinkapin and other native trees. Participants included high school students from the Center for Career and Technical Education in Allegheny County. The students planted about 2000 trees.

The group also planted several American Chestnut trees. This planting was part of a larger, Appalachian wide, tree planting aimed at restoring the American Chestnut to the forests of Appalachia.