

Planting at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden

On Saturday, May 9, 2015, 36 volunteers, including staff from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Appalachian Regional Office, gathered at the site of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden to plant trees on a former coal mine that will be part of the Garden. The site is being reclaimed with some of the proceeds from the sale of the coal going towards expanding the Garden's grounds. Approximately 1800 trees consisting of mixed hardwoods and conifers were planted. The site was well prepared for tree planting using the Forestry Reclamation Approach.

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden located in Settlers Cabin Park, just west of Pittsburgh, will one day be a world-class botanic garden, including 18 distinct gardens, five diverse woodland experiences, a visitor's center, an amphitheater for outdoor concerts and performances, a celebration center to accommodate large outdoor or indoor weddings and corporate events, and a center for botanic research. The first 60 acres of the Garden, the Woodlands, opened on August 1, 2014, with Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and a host of other dignitaries in attendance. The tree planting that took place on May 9th will be one of many that the Garden has planned in the coming years to realize its vision.

More information about the Garden can be found at its website:

<http://pittsburghbotanicgarden.org/>



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Virginia pine was one of many species planted on the site.

