

Q&A's about ARRI

What is ARRI?

The Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) is a coalition of groups dedicated to restoring forests on coal mined lands in the Eastern United States.



Who is ARRI?

ARRI members represent seven coal-producing Appalachian States, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, local, State and Federal agencies, their partners in the coal industry and environmental organizations, Academic institutions, landowners, and citizen's groups.



What are the Goals of ARRI?

- Plant more high-value, hardwood trees on reclaimed coal mined lands in Appalachia
- Increase the survival and growth rates of the trees planted
- Expedite the establishment of forest habitat through natural succession



Why is ARRI important?

Trees are a good investment.

High-quality timber can offer substantial revenue for landowners and job opportunities for local residents.

Trees are aesthetically pleasing.

Trees add beauty to our country's landscapes.

Trees are environmentally important.

Trees minimize soil erosion, reduce sedimentation and downstream flooding, remove pollutants and carbon dioxide from the air, provide wildlife habitat and diverse plant species, and improve water quality and groundwater resources.

Trees provide recreational areas.

Forested lands are important recreational areas for hunting, hiking, mountain biking, camping, wildlife and bird watching, nature trails and horseback riding.

