

# The Underground Mine Map Project: An Update



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## **Project History**

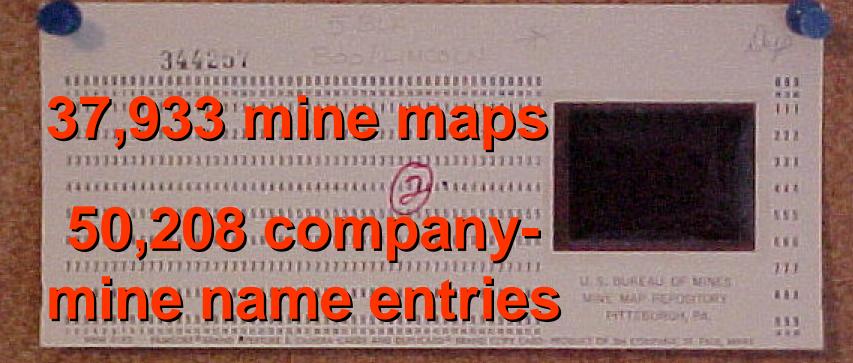
- Quecreek mine inundation & rescue
- The question:
  - Who in each State knows about mine maps?
- In WV:
  - MHST: receives and archives maps
  - GES: maps mined areas by bed







## **OSM Mine Map Repository**



## 100,000 abandoned mines





## WSHA funding

MHST awarded \$1.2 million in October, 2003

Project History

- Funds split evenly between MHST and GES
- **MAS PESKS** 
  - Locate, collect, process, and permanently archive mine maps not in the collection
  - GEStask
    - Map the underground mines by bed in a GIS format

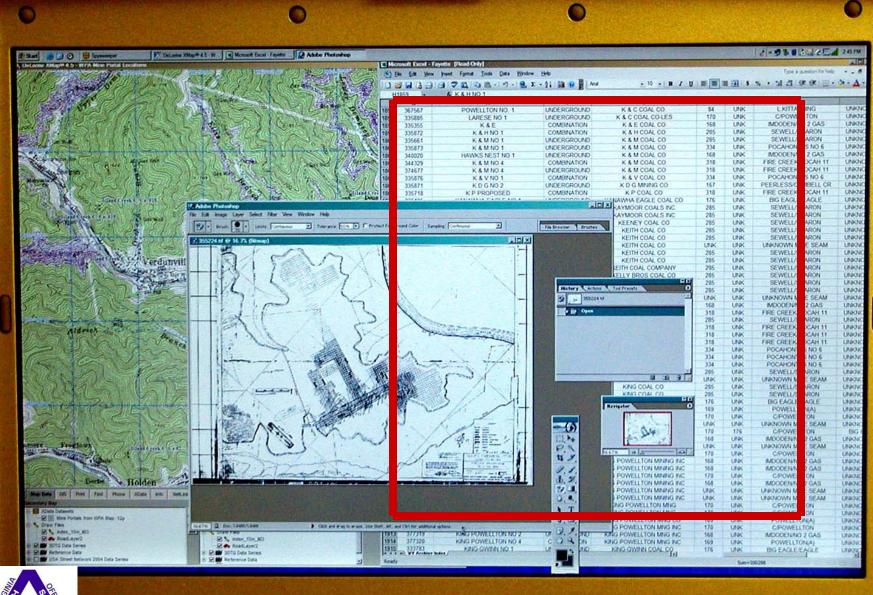


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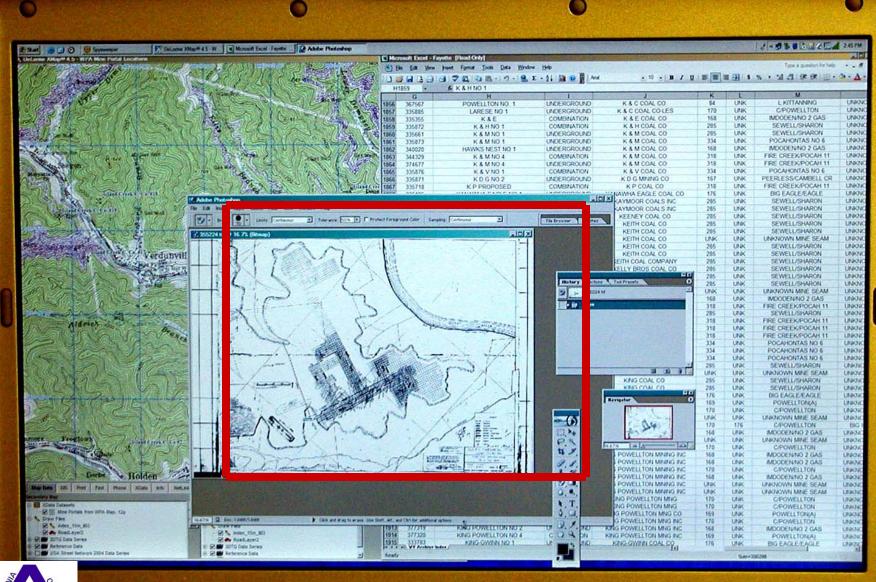






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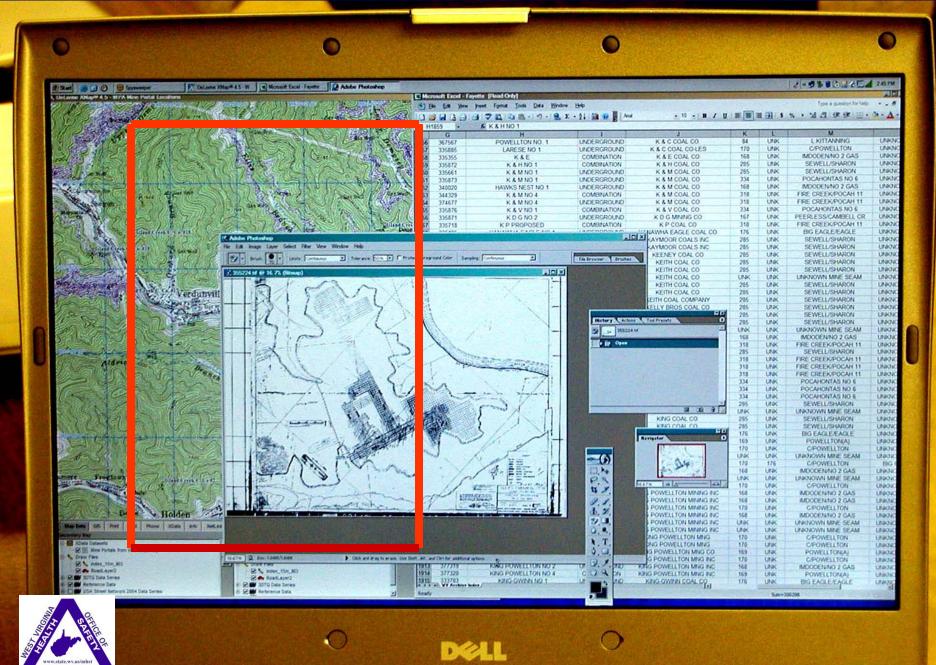




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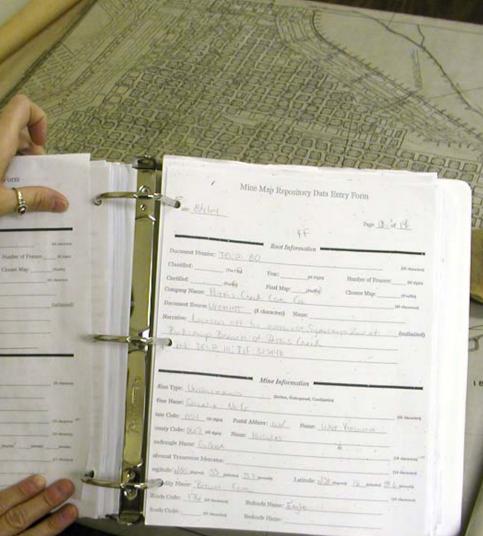
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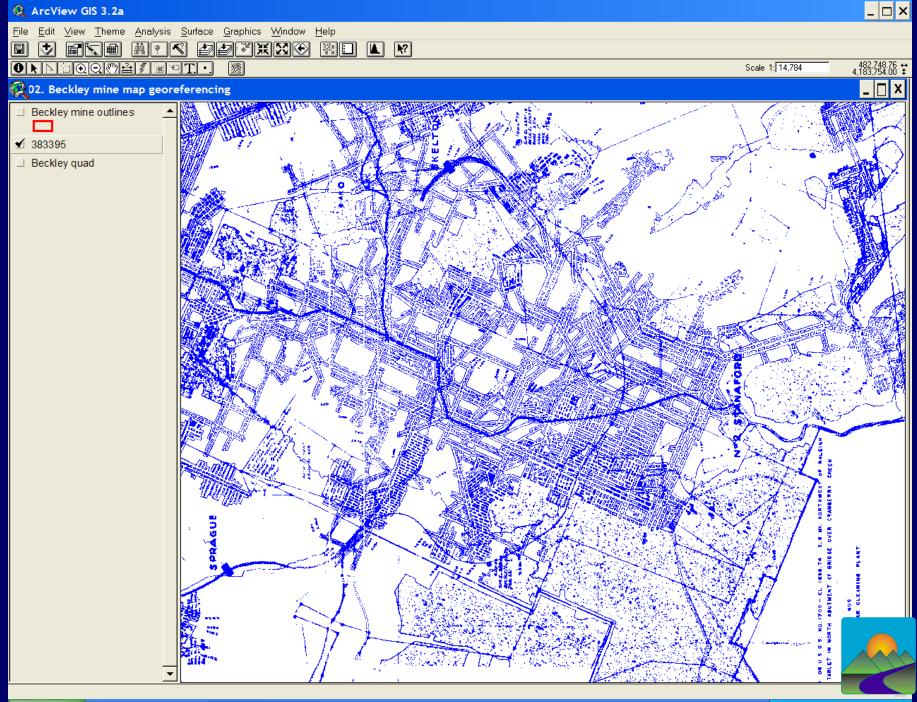


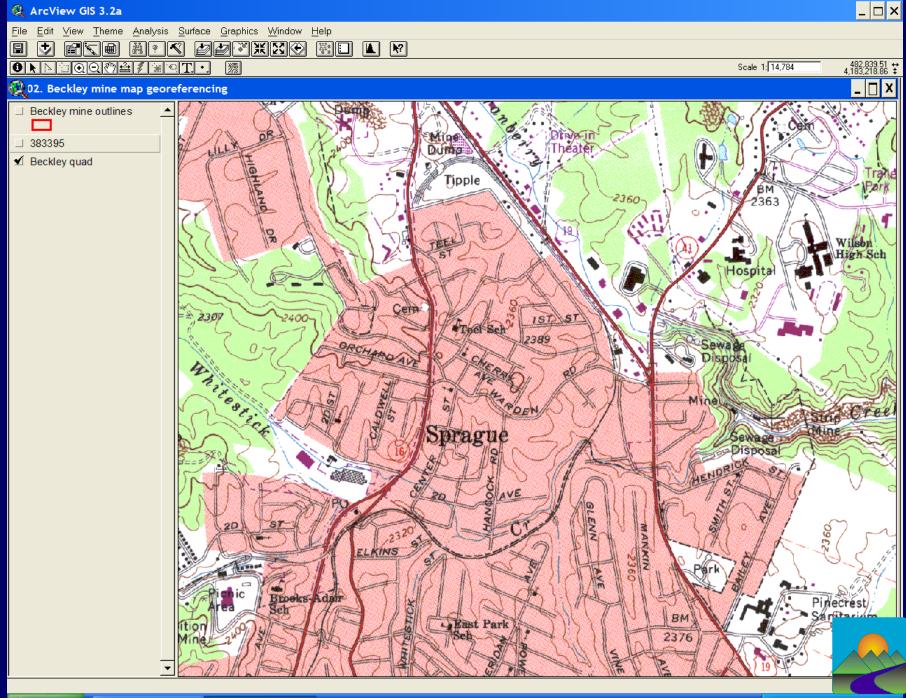
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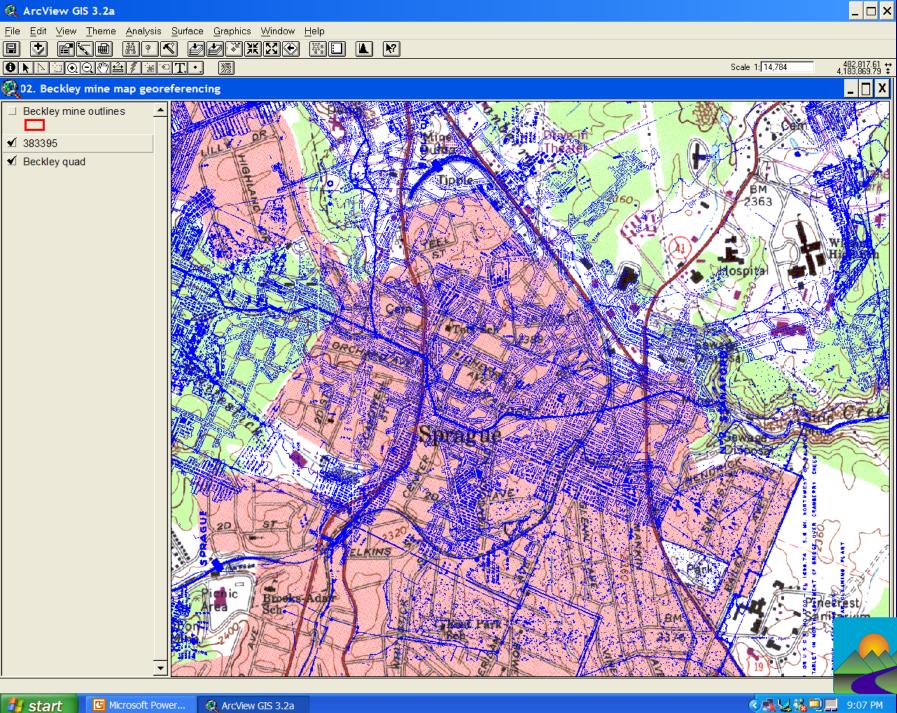
- Established offices:
  - Oak Hill: 3 F/T and 5 P/T employees and two supervisors
  - Fairmont: 2 F/T employees, 1 P/T and 1 supervisor
- Reconciled microfilm collection with database, database downloadable
  - www.wvminesafety.org/minemaps.htm
- Examined 20 collections, 10 more committed
- Reviewed 24,000 maps

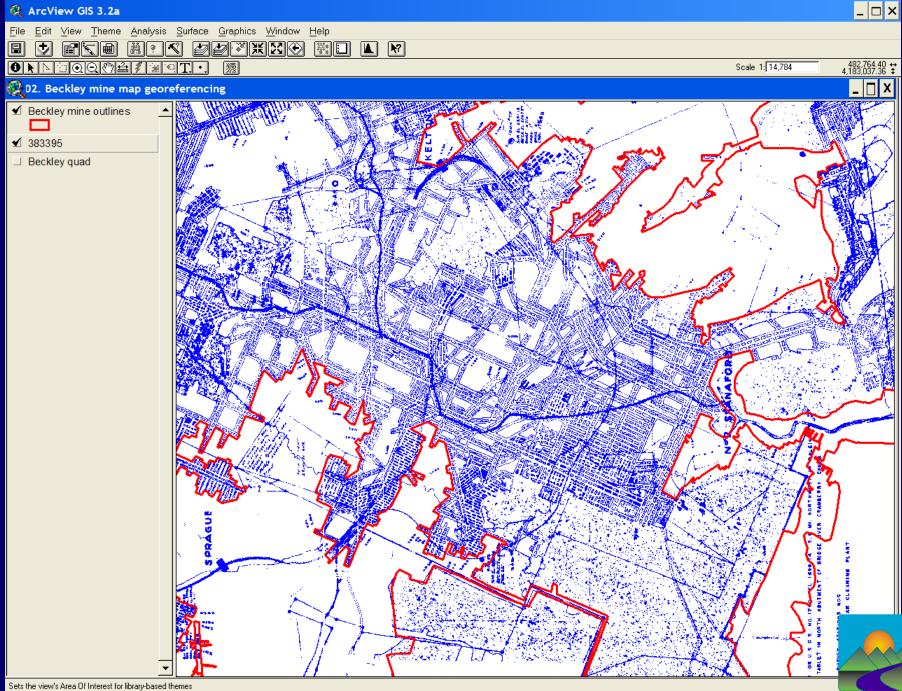
Added 2,600 new mines to archive

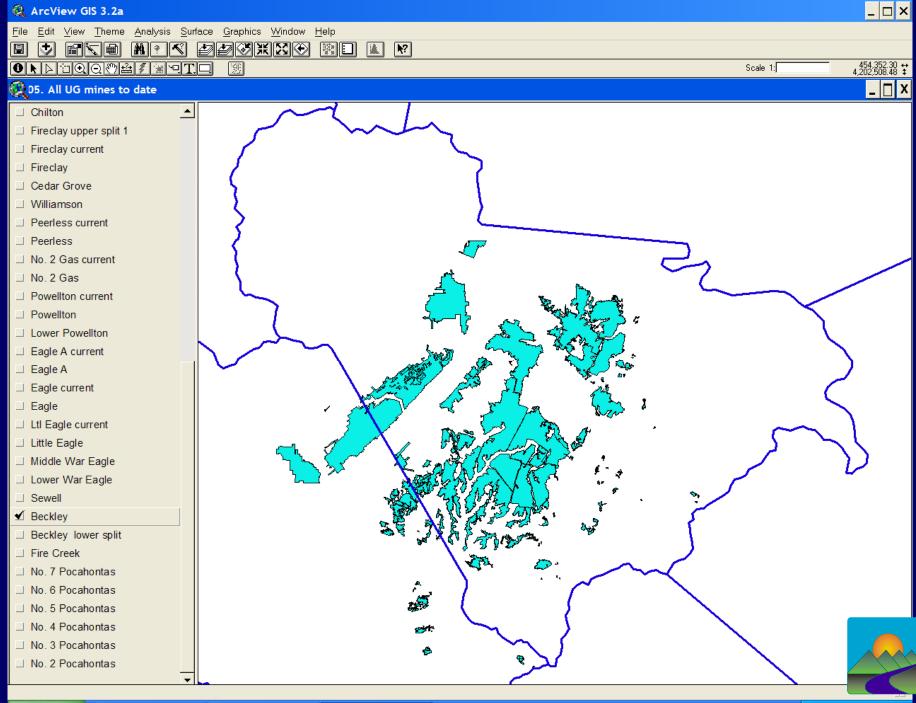


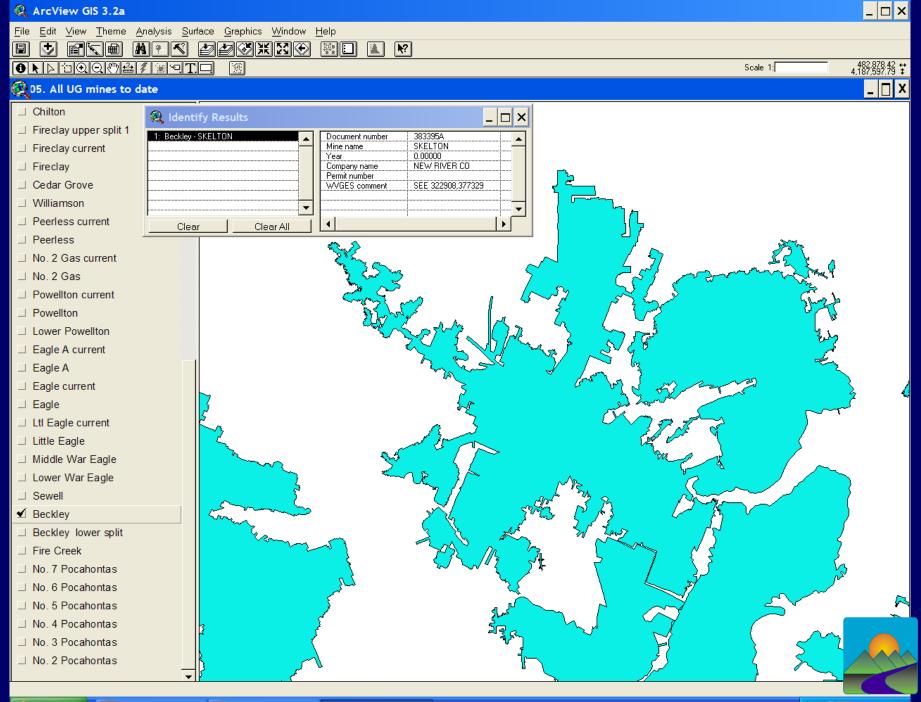




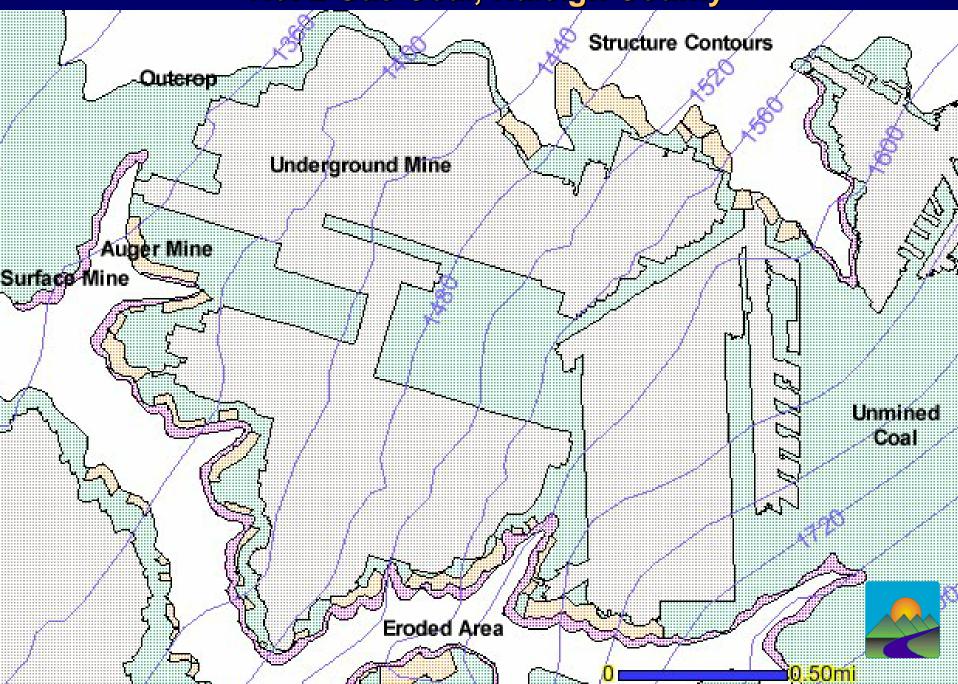








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## **Status of GES Work**

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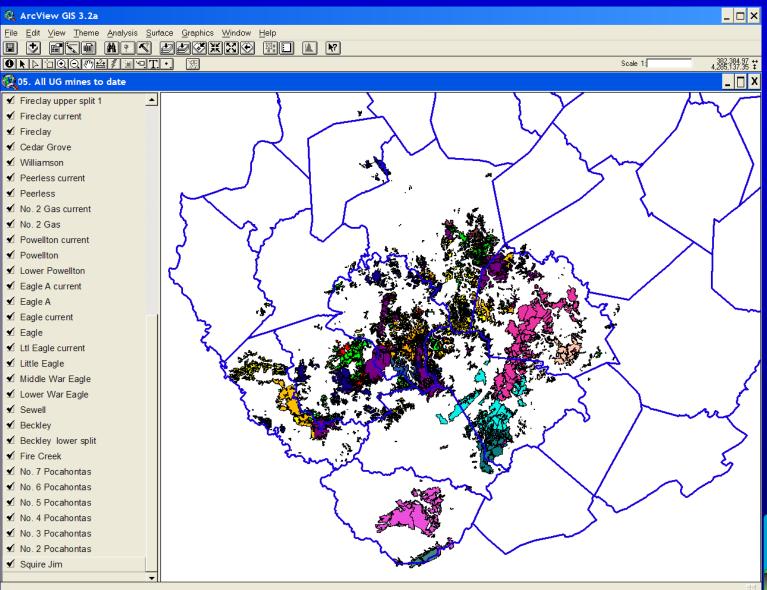
 Worked on 40 beds in 26 counties

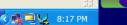
 Includes CBMP work since 1995

 Compilation 'complete' in 13 counties



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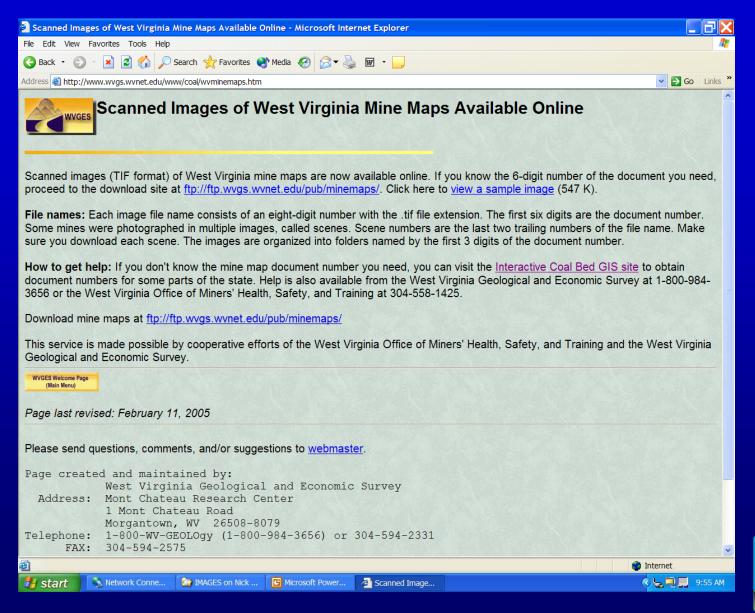
## **Additional Goals**

- Complete scanning of OSM microfilm archive
  - Accomplished summer 2004
- Provide on-line, searchable database
  - In-the-works
  - www.wvminesafety.org/minemaps.htm
- Provide images of abandoned mine maps on-line
  - Now available





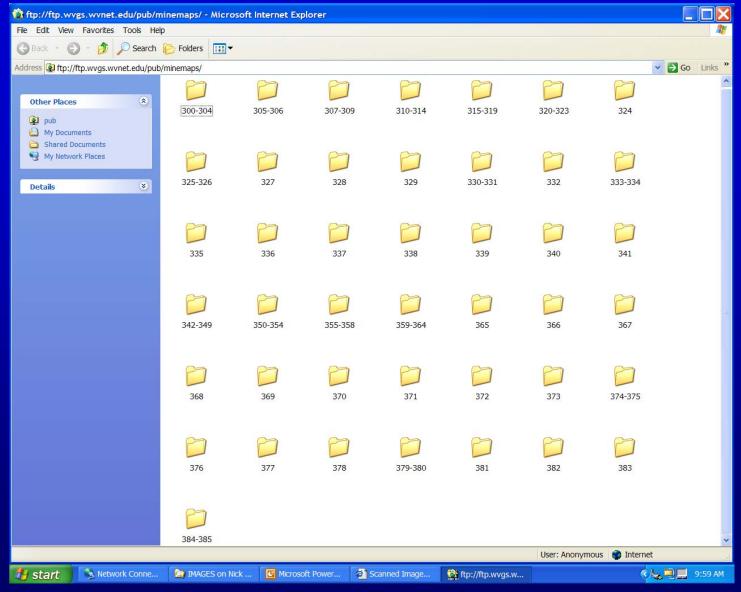
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## Summary

- Striving to provide most complete archive and mapping of abandoned mines possible
   – Mine safety
  - Abandoned mines issues
  - Resource and reserve evaluation
  - Infrastructure development







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