

## **We Have Been Invited To Plant Trees In Armstrong County**

The Lions of District 14-N have been invited to join in the ARRI Mined Land Reforestation Project.

### **About the Project**

This project is intended to establish a high value native hardwood stand on a mined site previously reclaimed with a grass legume mix. The Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) is a cooperative effort between the eastern coal mining states and OSM to develop and distribute the technology to establish native hardwoods on mined lands. The method has been successfully developed and carried out with the southern mining states, but Pennsylvania thus far has had few sites. This project will develop a site in the Kiski River Watershed, near Apollo, PA.

The project will involve fifteen acres on three sites owned by the Roaring Run Watershed Association in Kiskiminetas Township, Armstrong County.

Components of this project will involve site preparation in a 8' by 8' grid. Trees will be planted in the junctions of these grids.

Next will come the planting of 10,200 seedling trees, made up of the following:

Northern Oak	Tulip Popular
Black Oak	Shagbark Hickory
White Oak	American Chestnut*
Chestnut Oak	Pitch Pine (conifer component)
Sugar Maple	Hazel (as a border for the planting site)
Black Cherry	Silky Dogwood (Border Species)

After the trees are planted, a fence will be put around the planted area to keep the deer out.

This is a very important project, in more ways than one. This project is important as a reforestation of the watershed. The total estimated cost is \$25,000. As a plus, the American Chestnut will be planted. This tree, at one time, was very common but is now all but extinct in Pennsylvania.

### **How will the Lions be involved**

The Lions of District 14-N will take part in planting the seedling trees. This will help to fulfill our commitment to plant 1,500 trees during this Lions year. We will try to get as many trees as possible planted.

Date: May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Arrival at site: 8:00am to 9:00am  
Lunch: 12:00 (Lunch will be provided)  
Finish: approximately 4:00 pm

This is a preliminary announcement. Further information such as suggestions on apparel and directions to the site will be given later.

Environmental Committee: Lion Jim Eisler – Chairman, Lion Helen Eisler - Co-Chairman