

A Sampling of Agencies and Organizations Involved with Appalachian Revitalization

Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet)

ACEnet builds capacity for networking and sustainable development in Appalachian communities.

<http://www.acenetworks.org/>

Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team

The Watershed Team arms community organizations and watershed-based projects with the training, tools, and volunteer support necessary to help local citizens become effective environmental stewards, community leaders, and accelerators of change in places indelibly marked by the environmental legacy of pre-regulatory coal mining. Together, the Team and its local partners are propelling a new Appalachian economy based on conservation and development, strong partnerships, and new hope.

<http://www.accwt.org/>

Appalachian College Association

The Appalachian College Association is a non-profit consortium of 36 private two- and four-year liberal arts colleges and universities spread across the central Appalachian mountains in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

<http://www.acaweb.org/>

Member Institutions:

Kentucky

[Alice Lloyd College](#)
[Berea College](#)
[Campbellsville University](#)
[Kentucky Christian University](#)
[Lindsey Wilson College](#)
[Pikeville College](#)
[Union College](#)
[University of the Cumberlands](#)

North Carolina

[Brevard College](#)
[Lees-McRae College](#)
[Lenoir-Rhyne University](#)
[Mars Hill College](#)
[Montreat College](#)
[Warren Wilson College](#)

Tennessee

[Bryan College](#)
[Carson-Newman College](#)
[Johnson Bible College](#)
[King College](#)
[Lee University](#)
[Lincoln Memorial University](#)

[Maryville College](#)
[Milligan College](#)
[Tennessee Wesleyan College](#)
[Tusculum College](#)
[University of the South](#)

Virginia

[Bluefield College](#)
[Emory & Henry College](#)
[Ferrum College](#)
[Virginia Intermont College](#)

West Virginia

[Alderson-Broaddus College](#)
[Bethany College](#)
[Davis & Elkins College](#)
[Ohio Valley University](#)
[University of Charleston](#)
[West Virginia Wesleyan College](#)
[Wheeling Jesuit University](#)

Appalachian Regional Commission

The Appalachian Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership that works for sustainable community and economic development in Appalachia.

<http://www.arc.gov/>

Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative

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

<http://arri.osmre.gov/>

Berea College

Loyal Jones Appalachian Center

<http://www.berea.edu/appalachiancenter/>

Sustainability and Environmental Studies

<http://www.berea.edu/sens/>

Central Appalachian Regional Network

The Central Appalachia Regional Network (CARN) is comprised of diverse organizations located in the Appalachian counties of West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia. CARN strives to connect diverse organizations to promote policy and action to improve the quality of life available to the people of Appalachia.

<http://carnnet.org/>

Members:

[Appalshop, Inc.](#)

[Center for Rural Virginia](#)
[Council for Rural Virginia](#)
[Community Access, Inc.](#)
[Community Foundation of Hazard & Perry County](#)
[Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.](#)
[Good News Mountaineer Garage](#)
[Hazard Perry County Community Ministries, Inc.](#)
[Highlander Center](#)
[Ohio Appalachian Educators Institute \(OAEI\)](#)
[Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership & Public Affairs](#)
[Partnership of African American Churches](#)
[People Incorporated](#)
[Rural Action, Inc.](#)
[Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College](#)
[VA Rural Center](#)
[Virginia Economic Bridge, Inc.](#)
[Virginia Rural Health Association](#)
[Virginia Rural Health Resource Center](#)
[WV Community Development Hub](#)
[West Virginia Council of Churches](#)

Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable

The Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable serves mine-scarred watersheds through training, capacity building and providing a collective voice for underserved communities seeking to restore the well being of their citizens and environment. This includes...

- Educating and communicating with decision makers
- Encouraging collaboration and information sharing
- Disseminating information about relevant funding opportunities
- Providing training and informational resources to watershed groups.

<http://www.easterncoal.org/>

Eastern Kentucky University - Center for Appalachian Studies

The Center for Appalachian Studies at Eastern Kentucky University was created in 2000 to coordinate and promote a multi-disciplinary approach toward teaching, research and service on issues pertaining to Appalachia. The Center brings together a diverse group of teachers/scholars primarily from the social sciences and humanities, but also from art, biology, environmental studies, social work and health sciences. Utilizing their wide-ranging talent, the Center endeavors to link the human and technical resources of ECU with the teaching, service and research needs of the students and communities we serve.

<http://www.appalachianstudies.eku.edu/>

Environmental Protection Agency – Brownfield Program

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands.

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

Growing Local Economies – Revitalizing Communities in Eastern Kentucky

A network of professionals in Appalachian Kentucky seeking to increase collaboration, improve our practice, and learn from each other.

<http://localecon.ning.com>

Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED)

MACED works to create economic alternatives that make a difference to people and places in eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia. Its work is organized into three major strategies.

- Providing financial investments and technical assistance that helps local people and communities prosper.
- Conducting research to inform and support good public policy that is inclusive and considers everyone affected.
- Crafting effective development tools that make a difference. For Appalachian communities to have a brighter tomorrow, they need better tools to retain the natural resources and wealth they are losing today.

<http://www.maced.org/>

Morehead State University

Appalachian Heritage Program

The Appalachian Heritage Program is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to examining the history and culture of the region.

<http://www2.moreheadstate.edu/appstudies/>

Center for Regional Engagement

The Center for Regional Engagement at Morehead State University (MSU) sees itself as a threshold into the institution for external agencies (i.e. individual residents, nonprofit, governmental, quasi-governmental agencies, and private industry) to collaborate and partner with MSU.

<http://www2.moreheadstate.edu/engagement/>

University of Kentucky – Appalachian Center

The Appalachian Center serves the region from where many of its students, alumni, staff and faculty are native, by utilizing the resources of UK to:

- Lead, train and mentor regional volunteers on developing their communities economically.
- Encourage the development of entrepreneurial skills among Appalachian students.
- Provide useful social and economic data for those wishing to tackle regional specific dilemmas.
- Promote an appreciation for Appalachia campus-wide and throughout the public.

<http://www.appalachiancenter.org/>

Appalachian Ideas Network

The Appalachian IDEAS Network is a regional, multi-university, social-entrepreneurial education initiative led by the University of Kentucky. The initiative is designed to equip Appalachian students with knowledge, skills and resources to develop entrepreneurial ventures that address challenges within their local communities.

<http://www.appalachiancenter.org/ideas>

Growing Local Economies

Growing Local Economies builds on the existing resources within communities to improve their economic situations.

<http://www.appalachiancenter.org/GrowingLocalEconomies>

United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>