WHAT DO ALL THESE PLACES HAVE IN COMMON?

They are all reclaimed abandoned mine sites!
What is the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program?
The Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program (AML) is a federal program designed to address the environmental problems created by abandoned mines. The program was established in 1977 to address the disposal of abandoned mines, which can cause water pollution, landslides, and other environmental issues. The AML program provides funds to states and tribes to reclaim abandoned mine sites and prevent new land degradation.

Abandoned Mine Reclamation:
Abandoned mine reclamation is important for all Americans. Good reclamation makes abandoned mines a good memory. The goal of reclamation is to restore the land to a usable condition without harming the environment. This can include planting vegetation, stabilizing slopes, and controlling water runoff.

On the front:
The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy conducted an emergency reclamation project to build the culvert area, pass a railroad crossing, install riprap and erosion control. (See the front.)

The walls and roofs (ceiling) may be unsafe and could fall in, tunnels can be easy to get lost in, and sometimes there are dangerous gases in mines that can kill. Sometimes mines (metal next) are put over the mine openings to keep people out but to let birds and other animals get inside the mine and use it as a place to live.

Pollution of water from acid mine drainage must be cleaned up rivers and streams.

Underground mines, mines, may be dug up and extinguished to protect people living nearby.

Roads that were built to haul the minerals out of the mine must be removed and fixed.

Equipment used for mining must not be removed. Old buildings, houses, would have to be torn down and removed too.

Any pits that were left after the mining of the land must be filled in for safety, if water is going to be left in them then they should be sure the ponds or lakes are shallow. This sometimes means that fences should be built around the pond or lake. It is also important to make sure the water is clear, especially if people are going to swim or fish in it.

At mines, where lots of dirt was removed to get down to where the minerals are, this dirt (called overburden) must be made during mining. This should be done a little at a time so that the material stays in place and so that the cliff is safe.

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