

A photograph of a river flowing through a forest. The river is in the center, surrounded by dense trees and foliage. The banks are covered with fallen leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The overall scene is a natural, wooded area.

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1 Introduction

The Upper Guyandotte watershed is 260 square miles in size and is heavily forested. The watershed includes portions of both eastern Wyoming and southern Raleigh Counties, West Virginia and has a population of approximately 7,700. The landscape is rugged topography with steep hillsides and narrow valley floodplains. Many watershed communities are located in these valleys which are prone to flooding (Figure 1). Coal mining and logging are the major industries in the watershed.

Table 1 shows land area and percent land cover in the Upper Guyandotte watershed listed according to use and by major subwatershed.

Table 1: Percent land cover according to use¹

| Subwatershed | Commercial, Mining, etc. | Forest | Agriculture | Other | Area (sq. mi.) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Slab Fork | 1.06 | 94.91 | 2.01 | 2.01 | 35.36 |
| Winding Gulf | 1.67 | 92.54 | 3.99 | 1.82 | 21.63 |
| Stonecoal Creek | 1.48 | 92.29 | 4.58 | 1.64 | 33.01 |
| Guyandotte River 2 | 1.30 | 93.93 | 0.85 | 3.90 | 20.69 |
| Guyandotte River 1 | 1.08 | 93.13 | 3.20 | 2.58 | 32.42 |
| Devil's Fork | 1.03 | 94.94 | 2.88 | 1.17 | 23.21 |
| Pinnacle Creek | 1.90 | 95.89 | 1.28 | 0.93 | 57.23 |
| Barker's Creek | 2.07 | 94.09 | 1.61 | 2.24 | 36.85 |
| Upper Guyandotte | 1.51 | 94.18 | 2.42 | 1.89 | 260.40 |

Source: USGS, 1992.

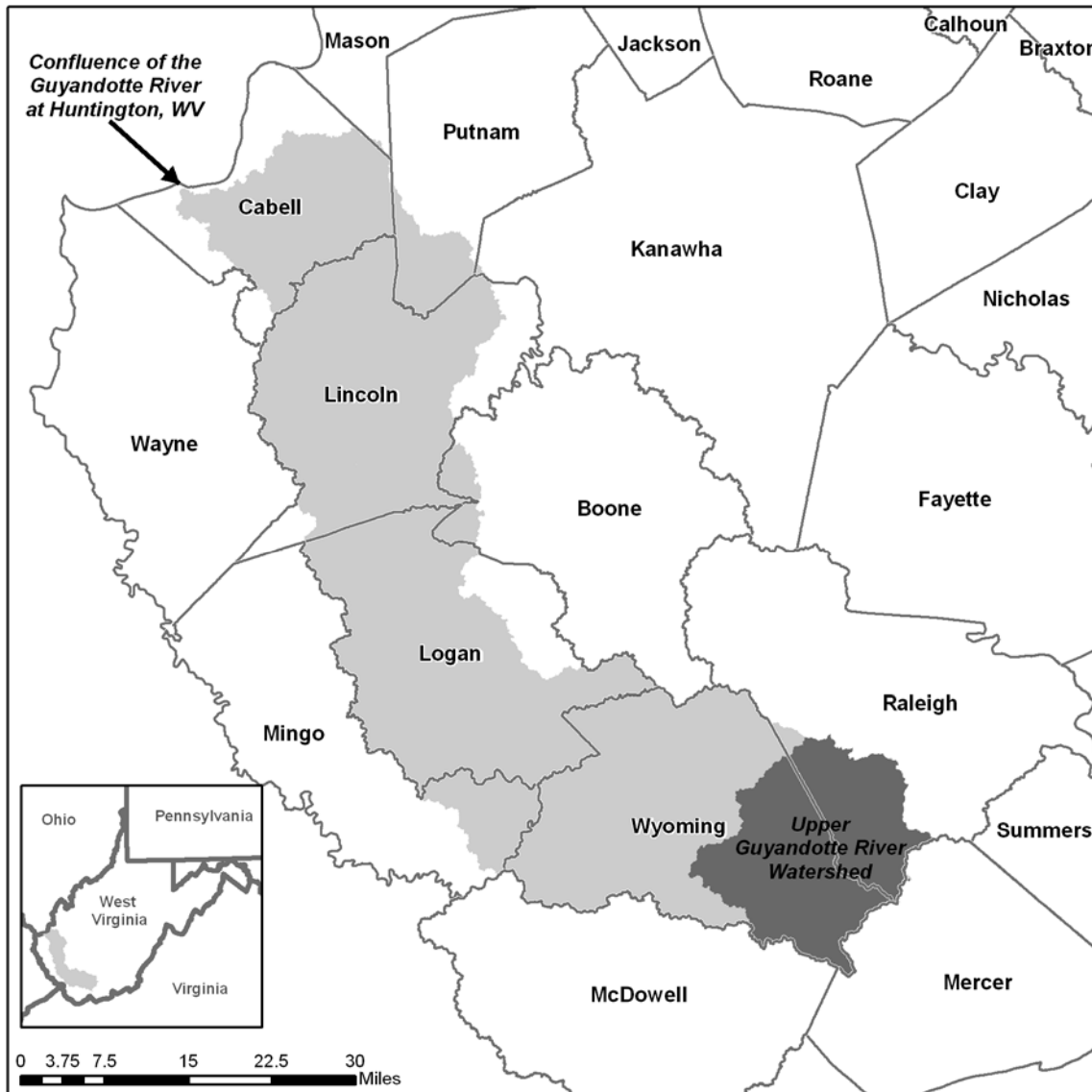
Figure 1: Downtown Mullens as seen from above



¹ Other includes wetlands, water, residential, and transitional. Forest includes deciduous forest, evergreen forest, and mixed forest. Commercial includes commercial, industrial, transportation, quarries, strip mines, and gravel pits. Agriculture includes pasture, hay, and row crops.

The service area of the Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association (UGWA) defines the geographical area covered by this plan. This watershed area is situated in the Allegheny Plateau and encompasses the headwaters of the Guyandotte River downstream to the mouth of Pinnacle Creek, only a portion of the entire Upper Guyandotte basin (Hydrologic Unit Code 05070101) (Figure 2). Stonecoal Creek and Winding Gulf rise in Raleigh County and join to form the Guyandotte River just above the Raleigh-Wyoming county line, near Amigo. The Guyandotte River flows westerly through Wyoming County then flows northwesterly, eventually draining into the Ohio River at Huntington, West Virginia.

Figure 2: Extent of Upper Guyandotte watershed within the Guyandotte River basin



Major subwatersheds, as referred to throughout this Watershed Based Plan (WBP), have been defined by the Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association and include the watersheds of the major tributaries: Winding Gulf, Stonecoal Creek, Slab Fork, Devil's Fork, Barker's Creek, and Pinnacle Creek. Guyandotte River 1 includes the drainages of Still Run and Cabin Creek as well as the direct drains between Barker's Creek and Pinnacle Creek. Guyandotte River 2 includes the drainages of Allen Creek and Big Branch as well as the direct drains between the start of the Guyandotte River and Barker's Creek. The Upper Guyandotte watershed encompasses TMDL regions 13 and 14 as well as a portion of region 7 (USEPA, 2004, Figure 1-3). Figure 3 displays the major subwatersheds of the Upper Guyandotte in relation to the smaller 4-digit TMDL subwatersheds (SWS), as defined by the US Environmental Protection Agency (2004).

Figure 3: TMDL SWS and major subwatersheds of the Upper Guyandotte



Local sportsmen's groups and the WV Division of Natural Resources have stocked area streams with trout fingerlings since the mid-1990's and many Upper Guyandotte streams now support viable populations of cold-water game fish including rainbow and brown trout (WVDNR, Various dates). Healthy populations of several other game species including squirrel, grouse, mink, and wild turkey are also present in the watershed (Reed, Various dates). No sightings of any federally listed endangered or threatened species have been recorded. Most records of rare species date back to the 1970's or earlier (Sargent, 2005).

Berks-Pineville and Gilpin-Lily are the dominate soil types in the watershed and are located on the uplands, foot slopes, and in mountain coves. Berks and Gilpin soils are moderately deep and are found on ridge tops and side slopes. They formed in material weathered from interbedded siltstone, shale and fine-grained sandstone. Pineville soils are deep and are found on foot slopes, on side slopes, and in coves. They formed in mixed colluvial material from sandstone, siltstone, and shale. Lily soils are moderately deep and are found on the broad and narrow ridge tops and the upper side slopes. They formed in material weathered from shale, siltstone, and sandstone.

Each soil association has a distinctive pattern of soils, relief, and drainage. Typically, these soil associations consist of one or more major soils and some minor soils inclusions.²

Communities in the watershed are small and rural; many originally existed as coal camps and were built in the early 1900's. Development has occurred in a linear fashion along streams where enough flat land is available for building. There are only two incorporated towns in the watershed: Mullens (Wyoming County, pop. 1,760) and Rhodell (Raleigh County, pop. 435). In general, there has been a downward trend in population in towns in the watershed since the 1970's. There are no four lane roads, interstates, airports, or navigable waterways in the watershed.

Raleigh County (pop. 79,220, 607 sq. mi.), as a whole, is more densely populated, with the city of Beckley located in the county and a population density of 130.5 persons per square mile. In contrast, Wyoming County (pop. 25,708, 501 sq. mi.) is sparsely populated with no large population centers and a population density of 49.3 persons per square mile. However, the economic and demographic characteristics of the portion of Raleigh County that is located within the Upper Guyandotte watershed more closely resemble that of Wyoming County. Wyoming County has been designated a "distressed county" by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

² Soil data is from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soils Survey for Wyoming County (1988). Agriculture land use data was provided by Farm Service Agency (1996 aerial photographs), NRCS, and WV University Extension Service Raleigh County field offices.

Income, home values, and educational attainment in the watershed are below the state and national median. The following table provides a comparison.

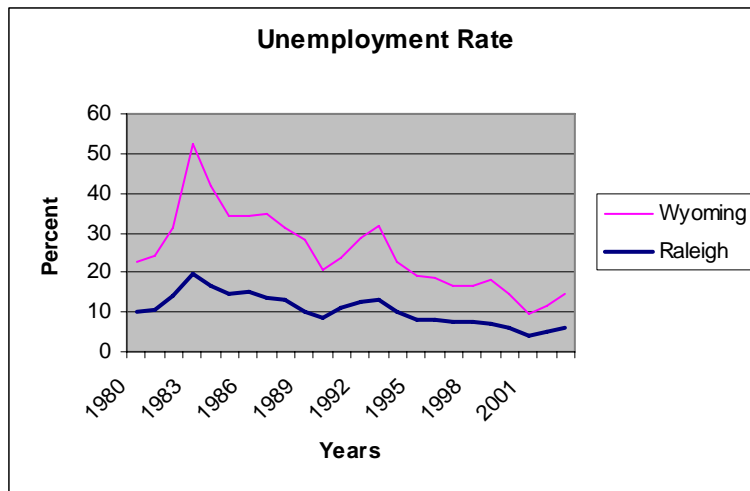
Table 2: Demographics of the Upper Guyandotte watershed

| Demographic | United States | West Virginia | Upper Guyandotte |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Percent of population that is white | 75% | 95% | 97% |
| Median household income | \$41,994 | \$29,696 | \$24,767 |
| Percent of residents living below poverty level | 12.05% | 17.46% | 23.18% |
| Percent of homes that are owner-occupied | 66.19% | 75.18% | 79.97% |
| Median value of owner-occupied homes | \$119,600 | \$72,800 | \$40,800 |
| Percent of residents age 25 or older with educational attainment of high school diploma/equivalency or beyond | 80.40% | 75.21% | 67.23% |
| Percent of residents age 25 or older with educational attainment of bachelor's degree or beyond | 24.40% | 14.83% | 7.35% |

Source: US Census Bureau (2000).

Extensive deposits of low-sulfur coal, of the Pocahontas formation, are found throughout the watershed. Both Wyoming and Raleigh County are among the top 10 coal producing counties in West Virginia.³ However, current unemployment rates in both counties are relatively high and reflect weak economies. Employment trends in the area also reflect the heavy dependence on mining in the 1980's and 1990's (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Unemployment rates



Raleigh County's largest private employers are in the fields of health care and social assistance with an average annual wage per job of \$32,125. Wyoming County's major job sector is in the field of mining, accounting for an average annual wage per job of \$52,988. However, per capita personal income for all job sectors in Raleigh County and Wyoming County is \$24,050 and \$19,110 respectively. In addition, Raleigh County has an unemployment rate of 5.7%, while Wyoming County has an unemployment rate of 6.4%.⁴

³ Source: WV Office of Miner's Health Safety and Training. 2005 Coal Production by County. <http://www.wvminesafety.org/cnty2005.htm>

⁴ Source: WORKFORCE West Virginia, <http://www.wvbep.org/bep/LMI>

2 Nonpoint source pollution in the Upper Guyandotte (a)

Rivers and streams that do not meet West Virginia state water quality standards (Table 4, pg. 9) are identified as impaired and placed on the statewide 303(d) list. Upper Guyandotte streams covered by this plan were listed as impaired in 1998 and 2002 for fecal coliform bacteria, pH, iron, aluminum, manganese, and/or biological impairments (WVDEP 1998 and 2003). Impaired streams are shown as thick grey lines in Figure 5.

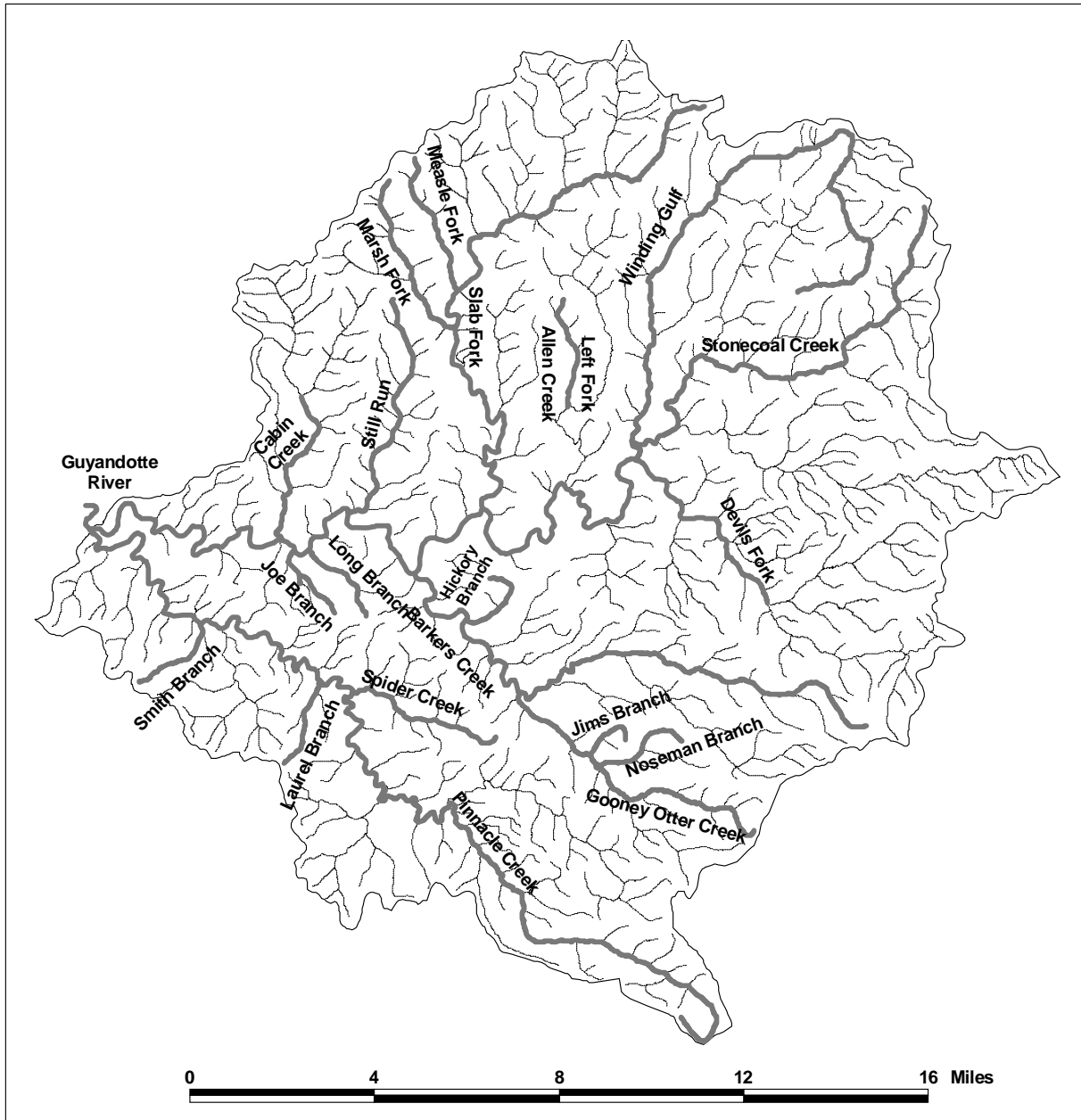
The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) prepared a Total Maximum Daily Load report (TMDL) for the entire Guyandotte River basin in March 2004. The TMDL identifies pollution load reductions required in order for impaired streams to attain water quality standards.

The mainstem of the Guyandotte River is the only stream listed as being impaired for fecal coliform bacteria. However, the TMDL does require load reductions in major tributaries (Table 13, pg. 40) in order to achieve the overall fecal coliform load reduction required for the Guyandotte River. In addition, it is likely that future monitoring will document impairment in these tributaries (see Chapter 6.5 for further explanation).

Table 3 lists stream segments impaired by metals; Table 15 (pg. 43) lists TMDL target loads for metals.

The goal of this Watershed Based Plan is to provide a framework for reducing nonpoint sources of metals and fecal coliform bacteria in order to achieve required load reductions and attain water quality standards in all Upper Guyandotte streams affected by these pollutants.

Figure 5: Impaired streams in the Upper Guyandotte watershed



Source: WVDEP (2004).

Table 3: Stream segments impaired by metals

| Stream code | Stream name | Subwatershed | Miles impaired | Al (dis) | Fe | Mn | pH |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|----|----|----|
| <u>Guyandotte River 1</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-up | Upper Guyandotte River | 1117-1121 | 11.8 | x | | | |
| OG-127 | Cabin Creek | 2900-2911 | 3.6 | | x | x | |
| OG-128 | Joe Branch | 3000 | 1.6 | | x | x | |
| OG-129 | Long Branch | 3100 | 2.1 | | x | x | |
| OG-130 | Still Run | 3200 | 5.3 | | x | x | |
| <u>Guyandotte River 2</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-up | Upper Guyandotte River | 1122-1124, 1126 | 11.2 | x | | | |
| OG-135-A | Left Fork/Allen Creek | 3501 | 2.6 | | x | x | |
| <u>Pinnacle Creek</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-124 | Pinnacle Creek | 2800-2813 | 26.6 | | x | x | |
| OG-124-D | Smith Branch | 2801 | 2.1 | | x | x | |
| OG-124-H | Laurel Branch | 2805 | 2.1 | | x | x | |
| OG-124-I | Spider Creek | 2807 | 3.5 | | x | x | |
| <u>Barker's Creek</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-131 | Barker's Creek | 3300-3310 | 8 | | x | x | |
| OG-131-B | Hickory Branch | 3301 | 2.1 | | x | x | |
| OG-131-F | Gooney Otter Creek | 3304-3310 | 6.8 | | x | x | |
| OG-131-F-1 | Jims Branch | 3305 | 1.4 | | x | x | |
| OG-131-F-2 | Noseman Branch | 3307 | 2.3 | | x | x | |
| <u>Slab Fork</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-134 | Slab Fork | 3400-3406 | 15.1 | x | x | x | |
| OG-134-C | Marsh Fork | 3403 | 3.9 | | | | |
| OG-134-D | Measle Fork | 3405 | 3.3 | | x | x | x |
| <u>Devil's Fork</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-137 | Devil's Fork | 3600-3604 | 4.9 | | x | x | |
| <u>Winding Gulf</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-138 | Winding Gulf | 3701 | 15.5 | x | x | x | |
| <u>Stonecoal Creek</u> | | | | | | | |
| OG-139 | Stonecoal Creek | 3700-3707 | 10.2 | | x | x | |

Source: All impairments except dissolved aluminum are from the 2004 303(d) list Supplemental Table B (WVDEP, 2004). Dissolved aluminum impairments are from USEPA (2004). Impaired mileages for all streams are from the 1998 303(d) list (WVDEP, 1998), which lists all streams as impaired by metals from mine drainage, and Measle Fork as impaired by pH.

2.1 Measurable Water Quality Goals

All stream segments in the Upper Guyandotte watershed should, at a minimum, be fishable and swimmable, and should be clean enough to contain healthy communities of indigenous aquatic species. The federal Clean Water Act, state Water Pollution Control Act, and federal and state regulations have determined a set of interlinked water quality goals. Designated uses for the streams in the Upper Guyandotte watershed include public water supply (Category A), maintenance and propagation of aquatic life (warm water fishery streams) (Category B1), maintenance and propagation of aquatic life (trout waters) (Category B2), and water contact recreation (Category C). The numeric and narrative water quality standards shown in Table 4 are relevant for the nonpoint source pollution problems addressed by this Watershed Based Plan.

Table 4: Selected West Virginia water quality standards⁵

| Parameter | 46 CSR 1 Section | Aquatic life | | Human health | |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | Category B1 (Warm water fishery streams) | Category B2 (Trout waters) | Category A (Public water supply) | Category C (Water contact recreation) |
| Aluminum (dissolved) | 8.1 | Not to exceed 87 µg/L (chronic) or 750 µg/L (acute) | | None | None |
| Biological impairment | 3.2.i | [N]o significant adverse impact to the...biological [component] of aquatic ecosystems shall be allowed. | | | |
| Fecal coliform | 8.13 | None | None | Maximum allowable level of fecal coliform content for Primary Contact Recreation (either MPN or MF) shall not exceed 200/100 ml as a monthly geometric mean based on not less than 5 samples per month; nor to exceed 400/100 ml in more than ten percent of all samples taken during the month. | |
| Iron (total) | 8.15 | Not to exceed 1.5 mg/L (chronic) | Not to exceed 0.5 mg/L (chronic) | Not to exceed 1.5 mg/L | None |
| Manganese (total) | 8.17 | None | None | Not to exceed 1.0 mg/L | None |
| pH | 8.23 | No values below 6.0 nor above 9.0. Higher values due to photosynthetic activity may be tolerated. | | | |

2.1.1 Recent manganese criteria changes

When the TMDL was written, the manganese criterion applied to all waters. Since then, the criterion was modified so that it only applies within the five-mile zone immediately upstream above a known public or private water supply used for human consumption (46 CSR 1 6.2.d).

Manganese load reductions in the Upper Guyandotte TMDL will still be required in watersheds with a public or private water supply intake, but WVDEP has not yet finalized its list of intakes in the Upper Guyandotte watershed (Montali, 2005). For segments where the manganese criterion may no longer apply, the costs of manganese removal may be entirely avoided. Because the TMDL has not been updated to account for this water quality standard change, this

⁵ Source: 46 Code of State Rules Series 1. When the TMDL was approved, the manganese criterion applied to all waters. USEPA has recently approved a modification to this criterion: "The manganese human health criterion shall only apply within the five-mile zone immediately upstream above a known public or private water supply used for human consumption." After the TMDL was written, the aluminum criterion was changed from a total aluminum criterion of 750 µg/L to dissolved aluminum, and a chronic criterion was added. Also, the chronic dissolved aluminum criterion of 87 µg/L has been suspended in all but trout waters until July 2007. On January 9, 2006 USEPA approved this suspension.

Watershed Based Plan calculates load reductions and costs based on the standard in place when the TMDL was approved.

2.1.2 Recent aluminum criteria changes

While the TMDL was being written, the aluminum criterion was changed from total to dissolved aluminum, and then the more stringent chronic dissolved aluminum criterion was suspended in all but trout waters until July 2007. On January 9, 2006 USEPA approved this suspension.

The TMDL addresses the first aluminum criteria issue, and when possible sets TMDLs based on the dissolved aluminum criteria. Because the total aluminum standard no longer applies, streams previously listed for total aluminum—and that do not have adequate dissolved aluminum data—are not addressed by this plan. Streams previously listed for total aluminum impairment are highlighted in Appendix G (pg. 98).

When the TMDL was being written, adequate dissolved aluminum data only existed for the Upper Guyandotte mainstem and two of the subwatersheds; therefore, dissolved aluminum TMDLs were developed for these subwatersheds. WVDEP considered developing dissolved aluminum TMDLs for other tributaries based on total aluminum data, but as explained in the TMDL:

“[a]vailable monitoring data shows widely variable ratios between dissolved and total aluminum depending upon sites, soil types and flow conditions. [It was] determined that the best and most scientifically supported way to evaluate waters under the new aluminum criteria is to obtain additional monitoring data for both total and dissolved aluminum where adequate dissolved aluminum data does not exist.” (USEPA, 2004, p. 1-12)

Whether or not dissolved aluminum TMDLs will be developed for other tributaries in the Upper Guyandotte watershed will be determined after WVDEP collects additional data following the normal Watershed Management Framework monitoring schedule, and after WVDEP assesses data collected by permittees over the next three years (USEPA, 2004).

The TMDL asserts that the “Guyandotte River watershed TMDL allocations and permit limits set to reduce iron and manganese loads are likely to reduce most, if not all, of the aluminum load occurring on these streams. Any necessary dissolved aluminum TMDLs will be developed by West Virginia within 8-13 years of the original listing.” (USEPA, 2004, p. 1-13) Winding Gulf and Slab Fork are the only subwatersheds in the Upper Guyandotte for which dissolved aluminum TMDLs have been calculated. It was determined during the development of the TMDL that if the iron and manganese load reductions were met in these subwatersheds, then the dissolved aluminum load reduction would also be met. Therefore, the TMDL does not provide a specific value for dissolved aluminum load reductions for these subwatersheds.

2.2 Fecal coliform bacteria

2.2.1 Failing septic systems

Failing septic systems and illicit discharges of untreated household wastewater pollute streams through both surface and subsurface means and are the primary nonpoint sources of fecal coliform bacteria in the Upper Guyandotte (USEPA, 2004, pg 3-21). In order to determine locations of fecal sources and relative pollution loads, several datasets were collected, collated and mapped, including:

- the geographic extent of each community in the watershed (Figure 7),
- the number of occupied homes in each community, and
- the current status of wastewater treatment for each community in the watershed.

The number of occupied homes and an average household size of 2.4 persons (US Census Bureau, 2000) were used to calculate the approximate population of the watershed. Figure 6 shows the population distribution by major subwatershed.

In some instances, for the purposes of plan development and implementation, communities were also subdivided into project areas. Project area boundaries were based on the physical characteristics of the community including density of groups of home, lot size, terrain, and other factors that influenced the choice of treatment technology. For example, two discrete project areas are identified within the community of Alpoqa. 94 homes are densely grouped along the river bottom and will be best served by a traditional gravity collection system with a package plant. An additional 8 homes are scattered up Mill Branch hollow; this area will be better served by individual onsite septic systems (Table 11, pg. 25).

Figure 6: Total watershed population distribution by subwatershed

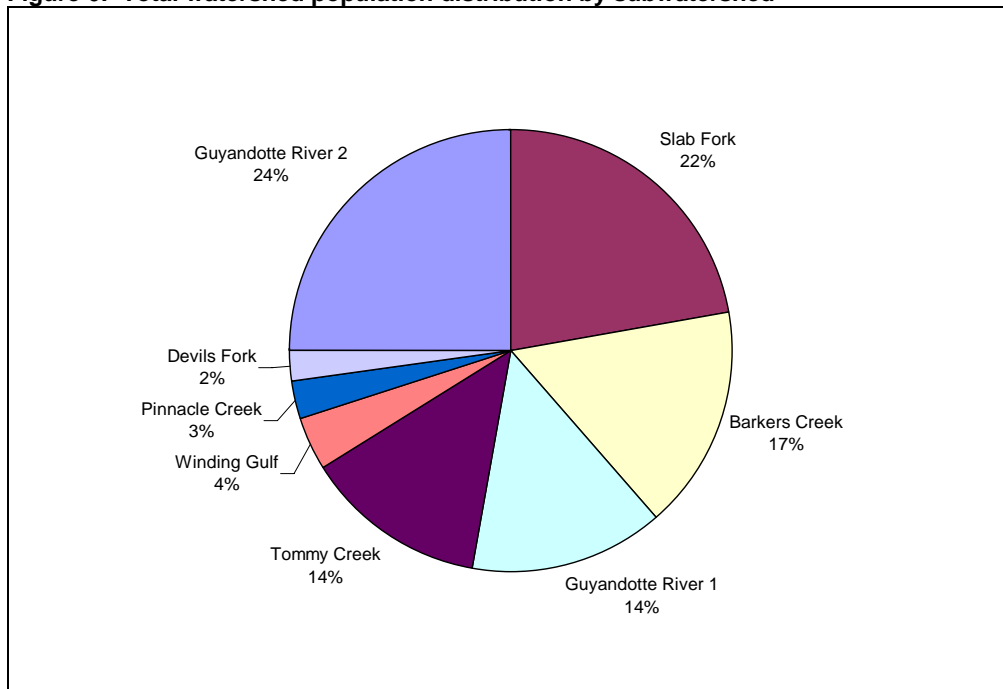


Figure 7: Community boundaries in the Upper Guyandotte



The current status of wastewater treatment was compiled using several sources of data, including community surveys, septic permits, individual plant operators, and NPDES permits. Individual onsite septic systems, municipal sewer service, and package plants are the methods of wastewater treatment currently being utilized by homeowners in the Upper Guyandotte. A review of septic system permit applications on file with the Wyoming County Health Department and the Beckley-Raleigh County Health Department was conducted. Permitted septic systems were assumed to be functioning properly. Unpermitted septic systems were assumed to be failing. The survey results show that 9% of the homes in the watershed have a permitted septic system.

The only municipal wastewater treatment facility in the watershed serves approximately 735 homes (and approximately 65 businesses) and is located in Mullens. This activated sludge plant was designed to handle an average daily flow of 330,000 gallons per day (gpd). Designers anticipated adding additional customers in the future and constructed stub walls to allow the addition of a third Sequencing Batch Reactor tank. Currently, the plant treats 150,000-180,000 gpd in dry weather. However, the system has significant inflow and infiltration problems and the flow can reach or exceed 800,000 gpd during wet weather. Wet weather flows which exceed the 800,000 gpd capacity of the plant are discharged out of permitted combined sewer overflow points and are a likely source of fecal coliform pollution. However, because the Mullens plant has an NPDES permit, this potential source of pollution is not discussed in this plan. Additionally, the TMDL assumes the plant is meeting discharge limits defined in its permit and does not assign a waste load allocation. This I&I problem would need to be addressed, or the plant would need to be expanded, prior to the construction of any line extensions (Coontz, 2006). The Mullens plant currently provides service to 23% of the homes in the watershed.

Two package plants service residential areas in the watershed. They are located in Hotchkiss (permit number WVG550687) and Slab Fork (permit number WVG550077). The Slab Fork plant serves the entire community (51 homes) while the Hotchkiss plant serves a 20-unit trailer park located within the community. Eight other package plants exist in the watershed and service public and/or commercial facilities.

The Mullens municipal plant and any existing package plants require NPDES discharge permits and, therefore, are not discussed in detail in this plan. When operating within their permit limits, these plants should not be a significant source of fecal coliform pollution. Additionally, because all homes in Mullens and Slab Fork currently receive wastewater treatment, treatment technologies were not proposed in this plan for those two communities. Treatment technologies were proposed for the 36 homes in Hotchkiss that do not receive treatment from the package plant (Table 11, pg. 25).

The remaining 66% of watershed households have an inadequate or an unidentified method of wastewater treatment (

Table 5).

Table 5: Wastewater treatment methods currently being utilized

| | Permitted septic | Municipal sewer | Package Plant | None/ Unknown | Total No. of Households | Approximate Population |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Raleigh County | 108 | 0 | 71 | 586 | 765 | 1,836 |
| Wyoming County | 184 | 735 | 0 | 1,519 | 2,438 | 5,851 |
| Upper Guyandotte | 292 | 735 | 71 | 2,105 | 3,203 | 7,687 |
| % of Total Households | 9.1 | 22.9 | 2.2 | 65.7 | | |

2.2.2 Agriculture

Agriculture land uses are, in some instances, a source of fecal coliform bacteria, especially through stormwater runoff. However, it is unlikely that this is a significant source in the Upper Guyandotte.

The primary agriculture activity in the watershed is animal husbandry. Most of the grazing animals are cattle, but sheep and horses are also present. The majority of the grassland is located on the ridge tops where geologic topography allows normal farming and best management practices to be pursued. Some small valley areas are pastured but are prime locations for garden/truck crop locations.

NRCS and WVU Extension have estimated livestock numbers to be in the neighborhood of 225 head of cattle and 42 head of sheep. Of concern is the common practice by livestock producers to feed and/or confine cattle in late winter, often due to calving requirements. Most of the farming operation usually exists at or adjacent to the farmstead. Most animal waste from barns or confined areas is stacked nearby or is spread on fields throughout the year. The waste in general is not tested for nutrient value and usually not considered when applications of commercial fertilizer are made. This is due to the generally low volume of waste produced. Approximately 95 % of the operators are part-time farmers with small beef cattle operations. Nearly 100 % of the farmers in the area are Limited Resource Farmers.

NRCS has 600 acres (of the approximately 2,800 acres of agricultural land) under conservation program contracts within the watershed. These conservation contracts are designed to address environmental concerns that were created by the farming operations. Under the current 2002 Farm Bill the NRCS has several farm related cost share programs available: Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). Conservation planning and technical assistance is also available upon request.

Due to the low concentration of agricultural enterprises, the majority of which are located on the ridge tops, no significant stream degradation is being seen as it relates to overall stream quality

as a result of agricultural land uses in the watershed. If problem areas are located, they will be addressed by working with the producers and NRCS to facilitate change while utilizing the Farm Bill resources.

2.2.3 Wildlife

In 2004, Wyoming County had a deer harvest of only 1.0 animals/sq. mi. while the statewide total was 7.82 animals/sq. mi.⁶ Due to the low deer population density and the diffuse nature of the contribution, wildlife is also assumed to be a negligible source of fecal coliform pollution (Reed, Various dates).

⁶ Source: WV Division of Natural Resources deer harvest summary, <http://www.wvdnr.gov/Hunting/PDFFiles/BGB2004deer9.PDF>

2.3 Metals

Various metals enter streams in the Upper Guyandotte watershed from nonpoint sources, particularly abandoned mine lands (AMLs), and cause the waters to violate standards. WVDEP's most recent 303(d) list (WVDEP, 2004) lists specific segments of the watershed as impaired by high concentrations of iron, aluminum, and manganese from polluted mine drainage. These mine drainage-impaired streams, which are listed in Table 3 (pg. 8), are drawn as thick, grey lines in Figure 5 (pg. 7).

Table 6 summarizes whether AMLs, bond forfeiture sites (BFSs), or other sources (Chapter 2.3.2) contribute metals to each impaired stream segment. Of the 26 TMDL subwatersheds for which iron or manganese load reductions are required, 16 receive polluted mine drainage from nonpoint source AMLs. These watersheds are highlighted in Table 6 and are drawn in Figure 8 with a red background.

Nine additional TMDL subwatersheds have AML sources of polluted mine drainage but do not have iron or manganese load reductions. These watersheds are drawn in Figure 8 with a pink background.

Because the data resolving pollutant loads to subwatersheds are sparse, costs of eliminating metal pollution from AMLs in all subwatersheds are tabulated, even where reductions are not required by the TMDL.

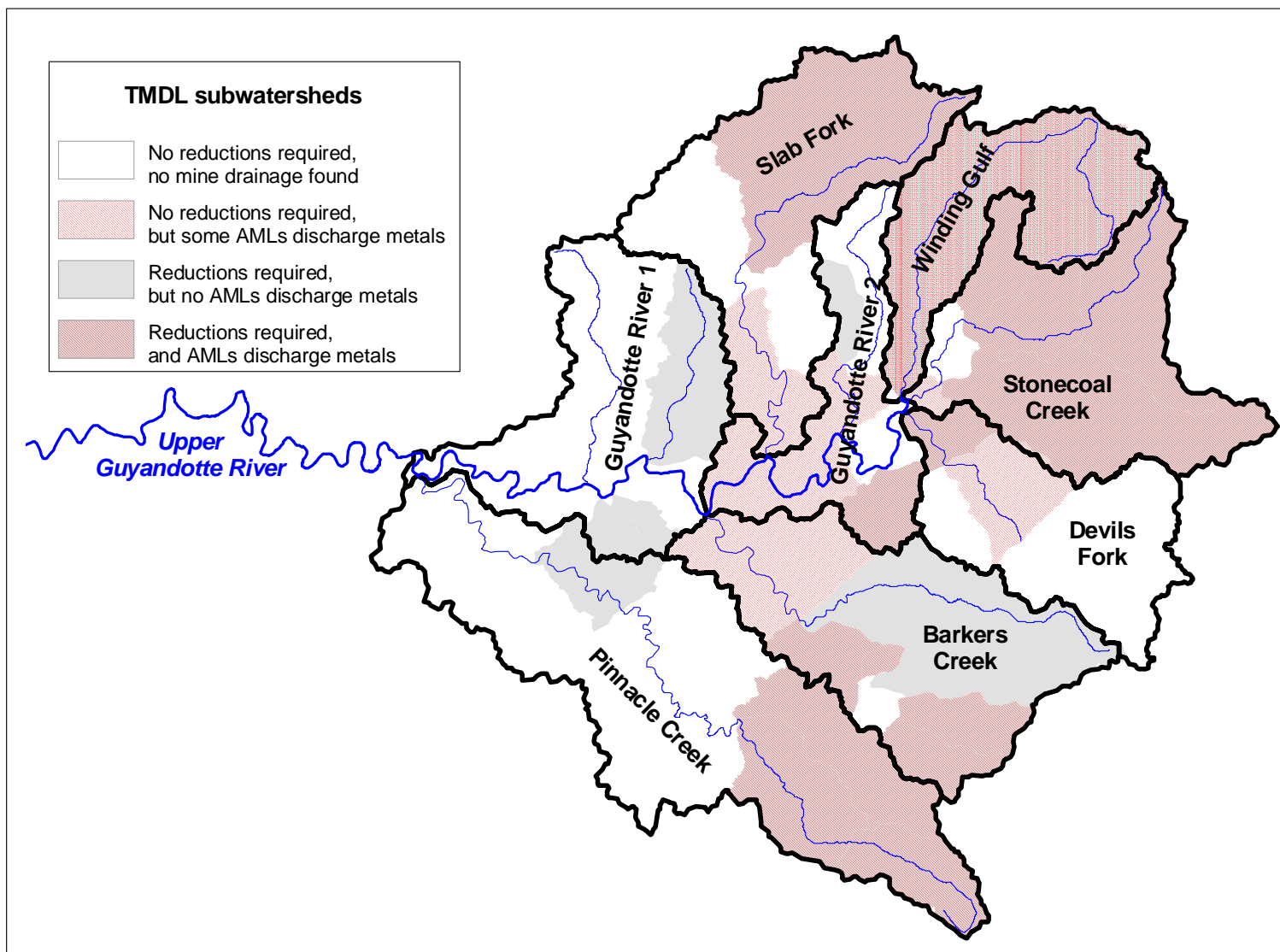
Reductions are required in 10 TMDL subwatersheds that contain no AMLs with water quality problems listed in the PADs. These watersheds are drawn in Figure 8 with a gray background. Additional fieldwork is needed to identify the sources polluting streams in these subwatersheds.

Table 6: Known and likely sources of metals pollution by subwatershed⁷

| Region name/ Stream name | Stream code | TMDL sub- watershed | TMDL requires reductions | | Metals sources | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----------------|-----|-------|
| | | | Fe | Mn | BFS | AML | Other |
| <u>Guyandotte River 1</u> | | | | | | | |
| Joe Branch | OG-128 | 3000 | Y | Y | | | |
| Long Branch | OG-129 | 3100 | Y | Y | | | |
| Still Run | OG-130 | 3200 | Y | Y | | | |
| <u>Guyandotte River 2</u> | | | | | | | |
| Main stem | OG-up | 1122 | N | N | | | X |
| Main stem | OG-up | 1123 | N | N | | | X |
| Allen Creek | OG-135 | 3500 | N | N | X | | X |
| Allen Creek | OG-135 | 3502 | N | N | X | | |
| Left Fork Allen Creek | OG-135-A | 3501 | Y | Y | | | |
| Big Branch | OG-136 | 1125 | Y | N | | | X |
| <u>Pinnacle Creek</u> | | | | | | | |
| Main stem | OG-124 | 2804 | Y | N | | | |
| Main stem | OG-124 | 2812 | Y | Y | | | X |
| Main stem | OG-124 | 2813 | Y | Y | X | | X |
| Smith Branch | OG-124-D | 2801 | N | Y | | | |
| Spider Creek | OG-124-I | 2807 | N | Y | | | |
| Beartown Fork | OG-124-N | 2811 | Y | N | | | X |
| <u>Barker's Creek</u> | | | | | | | |
| Main stem | OG-131 | 3300 | N | N | X | | X |
| Main stem | OG-131 | 3302 | N | N | | | X |
| Main stem | OG-131 | 3303 | Y | N | | | |
| Hickory Branch | OG-131-B | 3301 | N | Y | | | X |
| Gooney Otter Creek | OG-131-F | 3304 | Y | Y | | | X |
| Gooney Otter Creek | OG-131-F | 3309 | Y | Y | | | X |
| Gooney Otter Creek | OG-131-F | 3310 | Y | Y | X | | X |
| Jims Branch | OG-131-F-1 | 3305 | Y | Y | | | X |
| Noseman Branch | OG-131-F-2 | 3307 | Y | Y | | | |
| <u>Slab Fork</u> | | | | | | | |
| Main stem | OG-134 | 3400 | N | N | X | | X |
| Main stem | OG-134 | 3402 | N | N | X | | X |
| Main stem | OG-134 | 3406 | Y | Y | X | | X |
| Cedar Creek | OG-134-B | 3401 | N | N | X | | |
| Measle Fork | OG-124-D | 3405 | N | Y | | | X |
| <u>Devil's Fork</u> | | | | | | | |
| Main stem | OG-137 | 3600 | N | Y | | | X |
| Main stem | OG-137 | 3602 | N | N | X | | X |
| Bluff Fork | OG-137-B | 3603 | N | N | X | | |
| <u>Winding Gulf</u> | | | | | | | |
| Main stem | OG-138 | 3701 | Y | Y | X | | X |
| <u>Stonecoal Creek</u> | | | | | | | |
| Main stem | OG-139 | 3702 | N | N | | | X |
| Main stem | OG-139 | 3703 | N | N | X | | |
| Main stem | OG-139 | 3705 | Y | Y | X | | X |
| Main stem | OG-139 | 3706 | Y | Y | X | | X |
| Tommy Creek | OG-139-A | 3707 | Y | N | X | | X |
| Riffe Branch | OG-139-B | 3704 | Y | Y | | | X |

⁷ Source: TMDL subwatersheds and reductions are enumerated in USEPA (2004). BFS information from Table 8. AML information from Table 7. "Other" column refers to metals from barren lands, roads, harvested forest, oil and gas wells. Dissolved aluminum reductions not noted here; see Chapter 2.1.2 for further explanation. Manganese reductions from non-AML sources for subwatersheds 3301 and 3600 not included here; see Chapter 2.1.1 for further explanation. Rows are highlighted if the TMDL requires reductions for Fe or Mn, and if AMLs were found that likely discharge these metals.

Figure 8: Status of TMDL subwatersheds regarding load reductions and AMLs with metal loads



Source: Subwatersheds with load reductions from WVDEP (2004). Locations of AMLs discharging metals from WVDEP (Various dates).

2.3.1 Abandoned Mine Lands

Abandoned mine lands add to metal loads because metal-bearing minerals in the coal, particularly pyrite, decompose when they are exposed to water and air. This decomposition usually produces acid and dissolved iron and manganese, and may produce dissolved aluminum once those chemicals have reacted with other rocks and soil material. These reactions take place inside deep mines or in piles of refuse coal on the surface of the ground. Therefore, the abandoned mine features most likely to add metals to streams are portals discharging mine water from underground or large piles of refuse coal exposed to the elements on the surface.

From the list of all 129 AMLs in the watershed (Appendix A, pg. 82), this report identifies 54 with discharges of water from mine portals and unreclaimed piles of refuse coal (Table 7). The criteria for identifying AMLs with metal loads are not foolproof. Some portal discharges may contain such low concentrations of metals that they do not contribute much to impairment of the streams. In fact, water from the mines is sometimes used for household water supply, although this use does not necessarily ensure that the water meets water quality standards. Some old refuse piles may also have already released the majority of their metals.

Table 7: Abandoned mine lands known to discharge polluted mine drainage

| Problem area name (Problem area number) | Stream code | TMDL subwatershed | Stream name |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Guyandotte River 1</u> | | | |
| None | | | |
| <u>Guyandotte River 2</u> | | | |
| Allen Creek Complex (1898) | OG-135 | 3500 | Allen Creek |
| Blackeagle #2 Refuse (1901) | OG | 1123 | Guyandotte River |
| Wyco (Pugh) Refuse Pond (4662) | OG-135 | 3500 | Allen Creek |
| Blackeagle Refuse Pile (4811) | OG | 1123 | Guyandotte River |
| Mullins (Lester) Landslide (5097) | OG | 1122 | Guyandotte River |
| Stephenson (Bowling) Drainage (5594) | OG-136 | 1125 | Big Branch |
| Mullens (Grogg) Refuse (5687) | OG | 1122 | Guyandotte River |
| Mullens (Musser) Landslide (5689) | OG | 1122 | Guyandotte River |
| Mullen (Dixon) Landslide (5690) | OG | 1122 | Guyandotte River |
| Mullens Portals (5696) | OG | 1122 | Guyandotte River |
| Mullens Portals & Refuse (5823) | OG | 1122 | Guyandotte River |
| <u>Pinnacle Creek</u> | | | |
| Beartown Church Refuse Pile (630) | OG-124 | 2812 | Pinnacle Creek |
| Beartown Fork Refuse Pile (631) | OG-124-N | 2811 | Beartown Fork |
| Pinnacle Creek #2 Refuse Pile (651) | OG-124 | 2813 | Pinnacle Creek |
| Pinnacle Mining Corp. (4968) | OG-124 | 2813 | Pinnacle Creek |
| Road Branch (Marshall) Portals (5537) | OG-124 | 2812 | Pinnacle Creek |
| <u>Barker's Creek</u> | | | |
| Clark Gap Refuse Pile (633) | OG-131-F | 3310 | Gooney Otter Creek |
| Covel Refuse Pile (634) | OG-131-F | 3309 | Gooney Otter Creek |
| Gooney Otter Creek Refuse (637) | OG-131-F | 3309 | Gooney Otter Creek |
| Milam Ridge Refuse Pile (647) | OG-131-F | 3309 | Gooney Otter Creek |
| Pilot Knob Refuse Pile (650) | OG-131-F | 3309 | Gooney Otter Creek |
| Hickory Branch Mine Dump (924) | OG-131-B | 3301 | Hickory Branch |

| Problem area name (Problem area number) | Stream code | TMDL subwatershed | Stream name |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Alpoca Mine Dump (926) | OG-131 | 3302 | Barker's Creek |
| Tralee Mine Dump (930) | OG-131 | 3300 | Barker's Creek |
| Montecarlo Complex (1903) | OG-131-F | 3304 | Gooney Otter Creek |
| Jim's Branch Refuse Piles (1905) | OG-131-F-1 | 3305 | Jims Branch |
| Bud Portal (5031) | OG-131 | 3302 | Barker's Creek |
| <u>Slab Fork</u> | | | |
| Pierpont Refuse Pile (932) | OG-134 | 3402 | Slab Fork |
| Richardson Branch Complex (2304) | OG-134 | 3406 | Slab Fork |
| Slab Fork Impoundments (2580) | OG-134 | 3406 | Slab Fork |
| Terry Branch Portals and Refuse (5695) | OG-134 | 3400 | Slab Fork |
| <u>Devil's Fork</u> | | | |
| Amigo Abandoned Structures (93) | OG-137 | 3600 | Devil's Fork |
| Madeline Refuse Pile (1908) | OG-137 | 3602 | Devil's Fork |
| <u>Winding Gulf</u> | | | |
| Helen "B" Refuse Pile (1727) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Horsepen Ridge Refuse Pile (2297) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Berry Branch Refuse Pile (2301) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Bailey Branch Complex (2305) | OG-138-C | 3701 | Bailey Branch |
| Alderson Branch Refuse Pile (2307) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Ury Structures (2308) | OG-139 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Big Stick Mine Dump (2309) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Winding Gulf Deep Mine (2749) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Berry Branch Drainage (5654) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Helen Portals (5655) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| Helen Landslide (5688) | OG-138 | 3701 | Winding Gulf |
| <u>Stonecoal Creek</u> | | | |
| Paul Kizer Site 31 Pineyland Co. (999) | OG-139 | 3706 | Stonecoal Creek |
| Rhodell Refuse Piles & Portal (1907) | OG-139 | 3707 | Stonecoal Creek |
| Killarney Mine Dump (2298) | OG-139 | 3705 | Stonecoal Creek |
| Riffe Branch Impoundments (2312) | OG-139-B | 3704 | Riffe Branch |
| Rhodell Portals (2504) | OG-139 | 3702 | Stonecoal Creek |
| Site #16 Adventure Resources, Inc. (4163) | OG-139 | 3705 | Stonecoal Creek |
| Odd (Airy) Refuse (4695) | OG-139-A | 3707 | Tommy Creek |
| Stonecoal Creek Complex (4809) | OG-139 | 3706 | Stonecoal Creek |
| Stonecoal Junction Refuse (5640) | OG-139 | 3702 | Stonecoal Creek |
| Josephine (Doss) Portals (5884) | OG-139 | 3706 | Stonecoal Creek |

Source: WVDEP (Various dates). Subwatersheds are enumerated in USEPA (2004).

2.3.2 Other sources of metals

The Upper Guyandotte contains a number of active mining operations, coal preparation plants, and mine refuse disposal sites. By law, mining operations are required to obtain mining permits and NPDES permits in order to operate and discharge into the Upper Guyandotte (and are therefore not discussed in detail in this plan). The active mining permits in the Upper Guyandotte watershed are listed in

_ B (pg. 85). When operating within their permit limits, active mines are a source of metals although their contribution should not be significant enough to cause impairment.

The Upper Guyandotte River is also impacted by four bond forfeiture sites (BFSs) that discharge polluted mine drainage, as shown in Table 8. These sites may contribute a significant amount of metals and in some cases may account for most or all of the pollution in a subwatershed. However, BFSs are considered to be point sources and are not eligible for Section 319 funding. These sites are therefore not covered in detail in this plan.

Table 8: Bond forfeiture sites that discharge polluted mine drainage⁸

| Stream code (TMDL subwatershed) | Stream name | Company | Mining permit | Planned Const. |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| OG-137-B-1 (3603) | Lefthand Fork/Bluff Fork | Lillybrook Coal Co. | S-86-85 | |
| OG-134 (3402) | Slab Fork | Lodestar Energy, Inc. | R-5-84 | 9/08 |
| OG-124 (2813) | Pinnacle Creek | Pinnacle Creek Mining Corp. | R-721 | 6/07 |
| OG-139 (3706) | Stonecoal Creek | Plum Tree Minerals LLC. | S-3010-98 | |

The TMDL also indicates that some nonpoint sources other than AMLs contribute metals, via sediment, to the watershed. These sources include roads, barren land, harvested forest, and oil and gas wells. The TMDL requires load reductions for manganese from these sources in four subwatersheds covered by this plan, as outlined in Table 9.

Table 9: Subwatersheds requiring manganese reductions from non-AML sources

| Subwatershed | Sources requiring reductions |
|---------------------|---|
| 3301 | Barren land, roads |
| 3405 | Roads, harvested forest, oil and gas wells |
| 3406 | Barren land, roads, harvested forest, oil and gas wells |
| 3600 | Barren land, roads, harvested forest |

Source: USEPA (2004).

As described in Chapter 2.1.1, manganese standards will only apply in waters five miles upstream of any public or private drinking water intake. According to WVDEP, TMDLs will remain in effect if a public or private drinking water intake occurs anywhere within a subwatershed that currently requires manganese load reductions (Montali, 2005). According to current WVDEP records, subwatersheds 3301 and 3600 do not fall into this category and more than likely their manganese TMDLs will be eliminated (Montali, 2005). Subwatersheds 3406 and 3405 do fall into this category due to a drinking water intake located in the Slab Fork watershed.

In subwatershed 3406, the need to address non-AML nonpoint sources can be eliminated because the overall manganese load reductions required for this watershed can be met by addressing just the AMLs.

In subwatershed 3405, however, the TMDL does not list AMLs as a source of manganese. According to WVDEP (Various dates), no problem areas have been documented in this subwatershed. However, an undocumented refuse pile is located at the mouth (Snyder, 2005). It

⁸ Source: McCarthy (2005). If construction dates are not shown, than the project has been contracted or completed. Stream codes are for the smallest tributary that the site is known to discharge to, and for which a stream code is known. Subwatersheds are enumerated in USEPA (2004).

is suggested that the further data be collected in subwatershed 3405 to determine if the manganese load reductions can be met by addressing AMLs only.

3 Nonpoint source management measures (c)

3.1 Wastewater Treatment Systems

Several physical, social, and economic constraints have prevented most communities in the Upper Guyandotte from being served by traditional wastewater treatment systems, either centralized wastewater treatment facilities or individual onsite systems. Steepness of terrain, depth to bedrock, low population density, and the relative isolation of individual communities have made the construction of centralized systems cost prohibitive. This problem is compounded by lower than average household income levels that make it difficult for local residents to advocate for the additional monthly expense associated with wastewater treatment. Dense clusters of homes located in flood prone valleys, a common sight in the Upper Guyandotte, do not have the space or soil characteristics needed to support individual onsite systems.

Decentralized and alternative wastewater treatment technologies are available, however, and, in many cases, offer viable, affordable solutions for these constrained communities. In preparing this WBP, traditional/centralized, alternative/decentralized, and individual onsite treatment options were all considered. All treatment options considered have been permitted for use in West Virginia or other states. The Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project committee (Chapter 5.1.1) has strived to find innovative solutions that will allow *all* communities in the Upper Guyandotte watershed to receive adequate wastewater treatment.

In order to learn about wastewater treatment technologies that are currently available, representatives from several Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project partner organizations traveled to southwest Virginia on June 23, 2005 for a one-day tour of operating decentralized treatment systems.

During the tour, which was hosted by the Virginia Department of Health, attendees were instructed on the capacity, operation, and maintenance requirements of several types of decentralized wastewater treatment systems, including a cluster system with drip irrigation and a package plant with spray irrigation. These technologies had been employed in situations where traditional forms of wastewater treatment were not feasible due to cost, terrain, impact on water quality, and other constraints. During the tour, the efficacy of the treatment technologies visited and their applicability for Upper Guyandotte communities was clearly demonstrated.

On August 24 and 25, 2005 representatives from several Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project partner organizations gathered to discuss appropriate treatment technologies for Upper Guyandotte communities. The two-day workshop brought together a diverse group of experienced professionals from both the private sector and state agencies--experts in decentralized treatment technologies, regulators and permit writers, enforcement officers, as well as local installers, residents, health department officials, and other practitioners who have an understanding of the local communities, terrain, and soils.

Using an agreed upon list of cost assumptions (

Table 10), digital aerial photographs, the results of the wastewater needs assessment (Chapter 2.2), and local expertise and anecdotal information, workshop participants preliminarily identified the most feasible and cost-effective wastewater treatment system for each project area in the watershed (Table 11). Future engineering studies will provide more detail and further refine both the specifications of the system proposed as well as its cost.

Table 10: Wastewater treatment technology cost assumptions

| Item | Cost | Included in cost (all include installation) | Annual O/M cost per home |
|---|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Individual on-site system w/ traditional drainfield | \$5,000 per home | New tank & drainfield | \$50 |
| Individual on-site system w/ drip dispersal drainfield | \$9,000 per home | New tank & drainfield | \$180 |
| Individual on-site system w/ low pressure pipe drainfield | \$6,500 per home | New tank & drainfield | \$180 |
| Cluster system w/ traditional drainfield | \$2,870 per home | New tanks, 4 in. line, and treatment field for 2-15 homes | \$50 |
| Cluster system w/ drip dispersal | \$4,600 per home | New tanks, 4 in. line, and treatment field for 2-15 homes | \$180 |
| Cluster system w/ low pressure pipe | \$2,850 per home | New tanks, 4 in. line, and treatment field for 2-15 homes | \$180 |
| STEP | \$6,000 per home | New septic tank w/ streetside hook-up | \$180 |
| STEG | \$4,000 per home | New septic tank w/ streetside hook-up | \$50 |
| 4 in. diameter line | \$35 per foot | | |
| Vacuum Valve Pit | \$2000 per home | Valve pit serving 2-4 homes | \$50 |
| Vacuum Collection Station | \$325,000 | | |
| Textile filter | \$11,000 | | \$240 |
| Peat filter | \$8,500 | | \$240 |
| Sand filter - recirculating | \$7,000 | | \$240 |
| Sand filter - single pass | \$2,500 | | \$240 |
| Package plant w/ direct discharge | \$2,800 | | \$150 |
| 8 in. diameter line | \$100 per foot | Manholes but no lift stations | \$120 |
| Connection "tap fee" | \$500 per home | | |

Cost assumptions were verified by a technical advisory committee and Dr. Edward Winant, P.E. (2005). See Chapter 3.1 for further explanation. All installation costs were based on prevailing wage rates, whenever applicable.

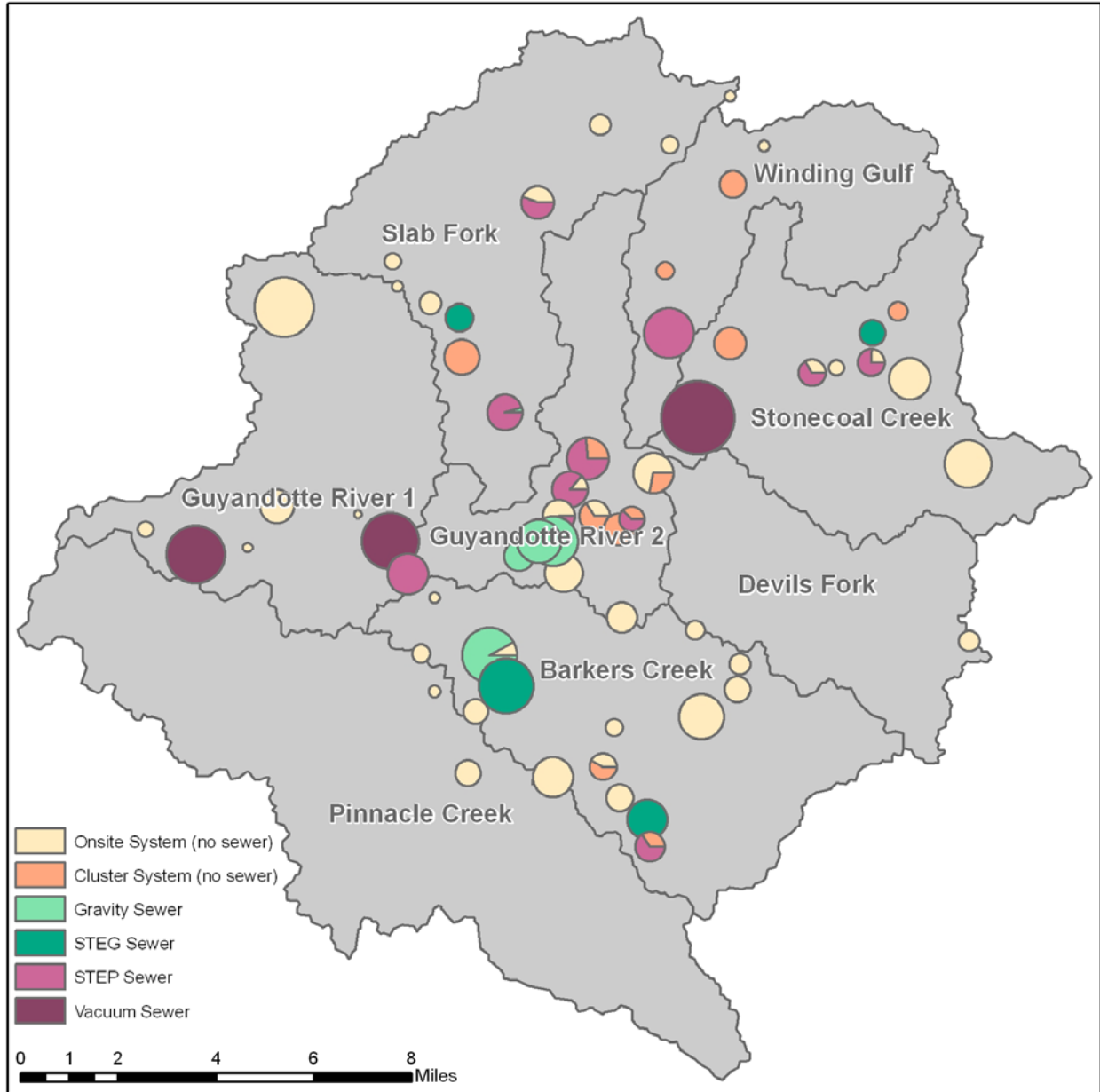
Table 11: Proposed collection system and treatment type by project area

| Community/ Project Area | TMDL SWS | No. of Homes | Collection System Type | Treatment Type | Flow (gallon/day) | Construction Cost |
|---|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pinnacle Creek (OG-124) | | 105 | | | 29,400 | \$525,000 |
| Bob's Branch | 2807 | 11 | Onsite | Onsite | 3,080 | \$55,000 |
| Bud Lite | 2807 | 5 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,400 | \$25,000 |
| Herndon Heights | 2811 | 54 | Onsite | Onsite | 15,120 | \$270,000 |
| Micajah | 2811 | 13 | Onsite | Onsite | 3,640 | \$65,000 |
| Spider Ridge | 2810 | 22 | Onsite | Onsite | 6,160 | \$110,000 |
| Guyandotte River 1 (OG -up, OG-125 through OG-130) | | 453 | | | 109,940 | \$3,472,500 |
| Lower Itmann | 1121 | 110 | Vacuum | Package Plant | 22,000 | \$1,027,500 |
| Upper Itmann | 1121 | 56 | Gravity | Package Plant | 13,200 | \$560,000 |
| New Richmond | 1117 | 114 | Gravity | Package Plant | 26,300 | \$1,020,000 |
| Cabin Creek | 2900 | 38 | Onsite | Onsite | 10,640 | \$190,000 |
| Rt. 16 pg 1 | 1117 | 8 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,240 | \$40,000 |
| Rt. 16 pg 6 | 1120 | 2 | Onsite | Onsite | 560 | \$10,000 |
| Saulsville | 2909 | 119 | Onsite | Onsite | 33,320 | \$595,000 |
| Still Run | 3200 | 2 | Onsite | Onsite | 560 | \$10,000 |
| Upper Polk Gap | 3200 | 4 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,120 | \$20,000 |
| Barker's Creek (OG-131) | | 575 | | | 141,310 | \$3,568,400 |
| Alpoca | | | | | | \$642,500 |
| Alpoca Mill Branch | 3302 | 8 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,240 | \$40,000 |
| Alpoca Bottom | 3302 | 94 | Gravity | Package Plant | 20,550 | \$602,500 |
| Garwood | | | | | | \$250,500 |
| Garwood West | 3310 | 10 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 2,800 | \$28,500 |
| Garwood East | 3310 | 19 | STEP | Package Plant | 3,800 | \$222,000 |
| Herndon | | | | | | \$114,400 |
| Herndon | 3305 | 14 | Cluster | Cluster Drip | 3,920 | \$64,400 |
| Herndon Gooney Otter | 3305 | 10 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,800 | \$50,000 |
| Bud | 3302 | 101 | Vacuum | Extension | 20,200 | \$754,500 |
| Covel | 3309 | 54 | STEG | Package Plant | 10,800 | \$481,500 |
| Basin | 3303 | 15 | Onsite | Onsite | 4,200 | \$75,000 |
| Basin Ridge 1 | 3303 | 25 | Onsite | Onsite | 7,000 | \$125,000 |
| Basin Ridge 2 | 3303 | 67 | Onsite | Onsite | 18,760 | \$335,000 |
| Basin Road | 3303 | 11 | Onsite | Onsite | 3,080 | \$55,000 |
| Bud Mountain | 3302 | 21 | Onsite | Onsite | 5,880 | \$105,000 |
| Herndon II | 3308 | 24 | Onsite | Onsite | 6,720 | \$120,000 |
| Lusk Community | 3303 | 12 | Onsite | Onsite | 3,360 | \$60,000 |
| Lusk Settlement | 3303 | 10 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,800 | \$50,000 |
| Montecarlo | 3304 | 4 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,120 | \$20,000 |
| Peak Creek | 3303 | 23 | Onsite | Onsite | 6,440 | \$115,000 |
| Tracy's Mountain | 3302 | 49 | Onsite | Onsite | 13,720 | \$245,000 |
| Tralee | 3300 | 4 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,120 | \$20,000 |
| Slab Fork (OG-134) | | 198 | | | 48,480 | \$1,344,700 |
| Hotchkiss | | | | | | \$310,000 |
| Hotchkiss North | 3406 | 16 | Onsite | Onsite | 4,480 | \$80,000 |
| Hotchkiss South | 3406 | 20 | STEP | Package Plant | 4,000 | \$230,000 |

| Community/ Project Area | TMDL SWS | No. of Homes | Collection System Type | Treatment Type | Flow (gallon/day) | Construction Cost |
|---|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Otsego | | | | | | \$430,000 |
| Otsego South | 3401 | 2 | Gravity | Package Plant | 400 | \$5,000 |
| Otsego East | 3401 | 10 | STEP | Package Plant | 2,000 | \$115,000 |
| Otsego West | 3401 | 30 | STEP | Package Plant | 6,000 | \$310,000 |
| Maben | 3404 | 25 | STEG | Package Plant | 5,000 | \$220,000 |
| Pierpoint | 3402 | 42 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 11,760 | \$119,700 |
| Acord Mt. | 3406 | 14 | Onsite | Onsite | 3,920 | \$70,000 |
| Lower Polk Gap | 3403 | 16 | Onsite | Onsite | 4,480 | \$80,000 |
| McKinney Ridge | 3406 | 10 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,800 | \$50,000 |
| Polk Gap | 3403 | 9 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,520 | \$45,000 |
| Tams Mt. | 3406 | 4 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,120 | \$20,000 |
| Guyandotte River 2 (OG-up, OG-132, OG-133, OG-135,OG- 136) | | 436 | | | 104,200 | \$3,054,030 |
| Allen Junction | | | | | | \$479,800 |
| Allen Junction Lower | 1123 | 13 | STEP | Cluster Drip | 2,600 | \$186,800 |
| Allen Junction Upper | 1123 | 25 | STEP | Package Plant | 5,000 | \$263,000 |
| Allen Junction S.S. | 1123 | 6 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,680 | \$30,000 |
| Beechwood | | | | | | \$253,680 |
| Beechwood Center | 1123 | 14 | STEP | Cluster Drainfield | 2,800 | \$148,680 |
| Beechwood S.S. | 1123 | 21 | Onsite | Onsite | 5,880 | \$105,000 |
| Iroquois | | | | | | \$114,850 |
| Iroquois S.S. | 1124 | 11 | Onsite | Onsite | 3,080 | \$55,000 |
| Iroquois Clusters | 1124 | 21 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 5,880 | \$59,850 |
| Stephenson Hill | | | | | | \$161,800 |
| Stephenson Hill High | 1126 | 8 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 2,240 | \$22,800 |
| Stephenson Hill Low | 1126 | 13 | STEP | Package Plant | 2,600 | \$139,000 |
| Wyco | | | | | | \$659,000 |
| Wyco Lower | 3500 | 16 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 4,480 | \$45,600 |
| Wyco Middle | 3500 | 20 | STEP | Cluster Drip | 4,000 | \$282,000 |
| Wyco Upper | 3500 | 24 | STEP | Cluster Drip | 4,800 | \$331,400 |
| Blackeagle | 1123 | 31 | Gravity | Extension | 8,460 | \$467,500 |
| Corrine | 1123 | 66 | Gravity | Extension | 14,480 | \$289,000 |
| Corrine Bottom | 1123 | 83 | Gravity | Extension | 18,300 | \$381,500 |
| Sand Gap | 1125 | 30 | Onsite | Onsite | 8,400 | \$150,000 |
| Stephenson Bottom | 1125 | 34 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 9,520 | \$96,900 |
| Devil's Fork (OG-137) | | 68 | | | 19,040 | \$307,750 |
| Amigo | | | | | | \$237,750 |
| Amigo Lower | 3600 | 15 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 4,200 | \$42,750 |
| Amigo Middle | 3600 | 6 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,680 | \$30,000 |
| Amigo Devils Fork | 3600 | 24 | Onsite | Onsite | 6,720 | \$120,000 |
| Amigo Upper Devils Fork | 3600 | 9 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,520 | \$45,000 |
| Egeria | 3603 | 14 | Onsite | Onsite | 3,920 | \$70,000 |

| Community/ Project Area | TMDL SWS | No. of Homes | Collection System Type | Treatment Type | Flow (gallon/day) | Construction Cost |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Winding Gulf (OG-138) | | 123 | | | 27,720 | \$1,032,750 |
| Helen | 3701 | 84 | Vacuum | Package Plant | 16,800 | \$913,000 |
| McAlpin | 3701 | 4 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,120 | \$20,000 |
| Stotesbury | 3701 | 24 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 6,720 | \$68,400 |
| Ury | 3701 | 11 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 3,080 | \$31,350 |
| Stonecoal Creek (OG-139) | | 439 | | | 103,960 | \$2,971,320 |
| Besoco | | | | | | \$364,000 |
| Besoco Middle | 3706 | 9 | STEP | Package Plant | 1,800 | \$177,000 |
| Besoco North | 3706 | 10 | STEP | Package Plant | 2,000 | \$157,000 |
| Besoco West | 3706 | 6 | Onsite | Onsite | 1,680 | \$30,000 |
| Eastgulf | | | | | | \$118,120 |
| Eastgulf Upper Riffe | 3704 | 11 | Cluster | Cluster Drainfield | 3,080 | \$31,570 |
| Eastgulf Lower Riffe | 3704 | 11 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 3,080 | \$31,350 |
| Eastgulf Stonecoal | 3704 | 12 | Cluster | Cluster Drip | 3,360 | \$55,200 |
| Mead | | | | | | \$188,500 |
| Mead S.S. | 3705 | 8 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,240 | \$40,000 |
| Mead North | 3705 | 16 | STEP | R.S.F. | 3,200 | \$148,500 |
| Lego | 3706 | 22 | STEG | Extension | 4,400 | \$161,500 |
| Rhodell | 3703 | 180 | Vacuum | Package Plant | 36,000 | \$1,395,000 |
| Pickshin | 3706 | 12 | Cluster | Cluster LPP | 3,360 | \$34,200 |
| Josephine | 3706 | 57 | Onsite | Onsite | 15,960 | \$285,000 |
| Kilarney | 3705 | 2 | Onsite | Onsite | 560 | \$10,000 |
| Mead II | 3705 | 8 | Onsite | Onsite | 2,240 | \$40,000 |
| Odd | 3707 | 75 | Onsite | Onsite | 21,000 | \$375,000 |

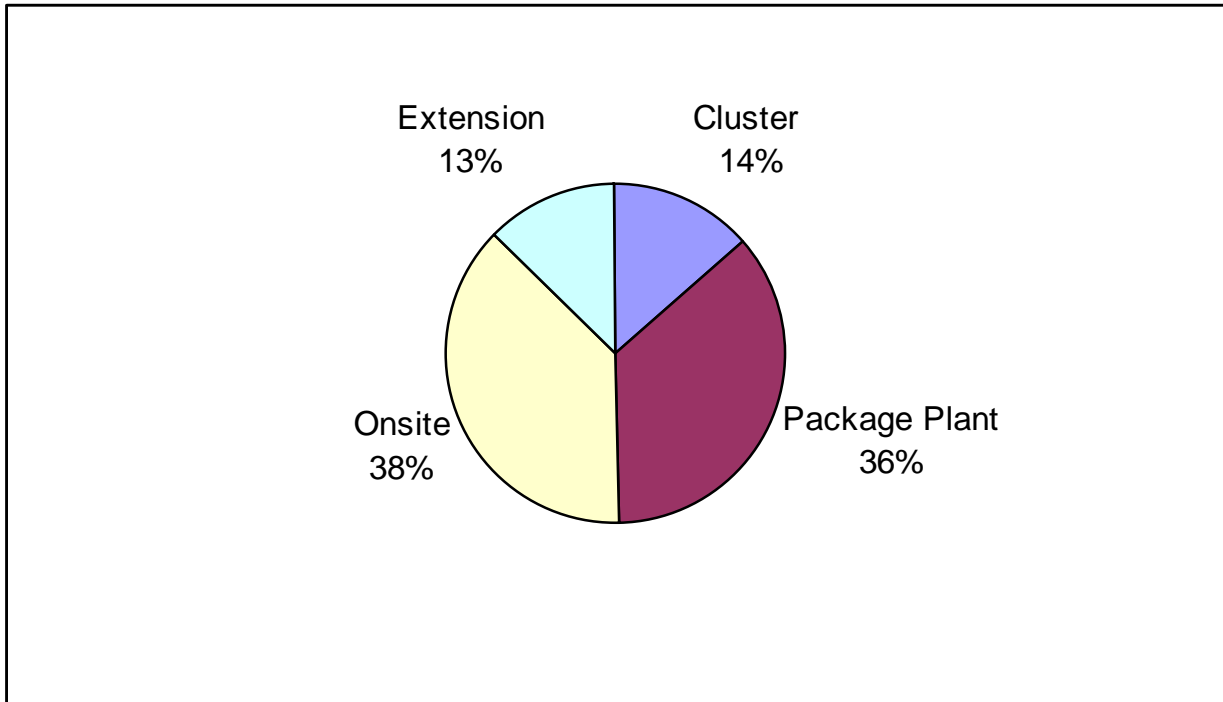
Figure 9: Proposed wastewater collection systems in the Upper Guyandotte watershed



Circles drawn on Figure 9 are color-coded to represent the type of collection system proposed for each community (as noted in the legend). The circles are also relatively sized in order to indicate the number of homes in each community. When more than one type of collection system is proposed within a community, a pie chart is shown. The pieces of the pie are also relatively sized in order to indicate the proportion of the total number of homes within that community which will utilize that particular collection system (as indicated by the color of the pie slice). For further information on proposed collection systems, see also Table 11.

Table 11 lists the wastewater treatment type proposed for each community in the column labeled “Treatment Type”. Figure 10 summarizes that data and displays the percentage of the total number of homes in the watershed expected to receive each treatment type.

Figure 10: Wastewater treatment types and the percent of total homes for which each is proposed



Note: Chapters 3.1.1, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3 draw heavily from *Helping Solve Local Wastewater Problems: A Guide for WV Watershed Organizations*, pg 16-32. WV Rivers Coalition 2005.

3.1.1 Onsite

Individual

Where space and soil conditions allow, traditional onsite treatment systems serving a single home or business are the simplest and most cost-effective option. Space constraints often preclude the use of individual onsite systems in communities located in narrow valleys. Nevertheless, onsite systems are the preferred wastewater treatment method for many communities, particularly those in more isolated areas and those located along ridge tops.

Onsite systems commonly consist of a septic tank and a subsurface wastewater infiltration system (or treatment field). The septic tank allows solids to settle out and grease and “scum” to float to the top. The effluent from the tank is then transported, typically by gravity, to the treatment field. The treatment field disperses the effluent and allows it to be absorbed and purified by the soil. Conventional treatment fields consist of perforated pipes lain in gravel-filled trenches. Additional treatment technologies (as detailed below) may be necessary on some lots in order to ensure effective treatment.

Cluster

Cluster systems utilize the same treatment technologies as do individual onsite systems and are the most cost-effective wastewater treatment solution for several Upper Guyandotte communities. Unlike individual onsite, cluster systems are shared by two or more homes and may use small (4 inch) diameter pipes to transport, typically by gravity, septic tank effluent to a common treatment field. (Shallow-burial collection systems may use even smaller-diameter, light-weight pipe in longer lengths in order to minimize joints.) Additional treatment technologies (as detailed below) are necessary in some communities in order to ensure effective treatment. When space and soil conditions allow, multiple cluster systems can be installed in order to serve as many homes as possible in the community.

Low Pressure Pipe (LPP)

Low pressure pipe systems use a pump or siphon to pressure dose effluent to a treatment field. Pressure dosing forces the effluent completely through the pipe system and creates a more equal distribution of effluent through the field. (A pump typically achieves a more uniform distribution than does a siphon). Also, dosing the field a few times a day allows for resting, more time for the effluent to percolate through the soil, and more chance for oxygen in the soil to rejuvenate the treatment field.

LPP systems are typically slightly more expensive than conventional fields because of the pump or siphon and the extra tank each device uses. However, these systems have many advantages. They can be installed on upslope sites, on sites with high groundwater tables or bedrock, and in

soils with slow percolation rates. When used on sites with high groundwater, some additional treatment of the effluent may be required.

Drip Dispersal

Drip dispersal systems, or drip irrigation, also use pumps to pressure dose effluent to a subsurface absorption field. However, in this case, small flexible tubes with emitters are used to force the effluent into the soil. Because the tubes and emitters are so small, a filter is typically installed after the pump to remove most of the solids.

Installing drip tubes is relatively easy; they can be placed at a depth of 12-18 inches below the soil using a small plow. This ease of installation allows for the utilization of unconventional treatment fields such as forested or rocky sites, sites with high bedrock or groundwater tables, or sloping sites. They do require a sophisticated pumping and control system, which adds to the cost. Most designers also recommend additional treatment beyond a septic tank before using drip dispersal. However, for cluster systems, the cost per house drops rapidly because of the low cost of installation.

Pretreatment

At some sites, septic tank effluent requires additional treatment before entering the treatment field. One of the most reliable and effective pretreatment systems is the recirculating media filter. In a recirculating media filter, microorganisms are attached to a fixed media and the effluent passes over the media. A variety of materials can be utilized for the media including sand, peat, or textiles. Effluent percolates through the media, is collected by an underdrain, and recirculates for additional treatment. A once-through variation of this approach is the intermittent sand filter. In an intermittent sand filter, the septic tank effluent is similarly spread evenly over the surface of the sand, ground glass, or peat at a lower loading rate, is collected by an underdrain and discharged to the treatment field.

3.1.2 Decentralized

Collection Systems

Septic Tank Effluent

When decentralized community systems are employed, a septic tank effluent system is the preferred collection system for many communities. These systems are economical solutions for small, dense communities, where lot size, soil conditions, depth to bedrock, groundwater, or other constraints prevent a straightforward onsite approach.

In this type of collection system, properly sized septic tanks are installed at each home and/or business. The septic tank collects the solids and the effluent from the tank then enters the collection system. The collection system consists of shallowly buried, small diameter pipe. The effluent is transported through the system by gravity or, when necessary, small pumps. When gravity flow and 4-inch pipes are utilized the system is referred to as Septic Tank Effluent Gravity or STEG; when pumps and 2- or 3-inch pipes are used the system is called Septic Tank Effluent Pumped or STEP.

These small diameter sewers are advantageous and cost-effective because the need for constant slope, manholes, lift stations and their inherent capital and operation and maintenance costs are minimized. In addition, because the collection and on-lot piping system is sealed, inflow and infiltration is rare. Drawbacks include a more expensive on-lot component and the periodic need to access private property in order to pump and haul solids from the tank.

Vacuum

Vacuum sewers also use small diameter pipes (typically 4-inch), but, unlike STEP or STEG, they use centrally-located pumps to generate a vacuum to pull sewage along rather than using pressure to force it through the mains. The onsite component for the system is a vacuum valve pit, which can serve 1 to 4 homes. The valve is actuated when enough sewage collects in the pit to allow the vacuum in the line to “suck” the collected sewage to the vacuum collection station. The collection station houses the vacuum pumps and storage tanks and pumps the sewage to the treatment plant.

Vacuum sewers are capable of lifting sewage over high points and are advantageous for densely populated areas of 75 or more homes, in rolling terrain, and for areas with high bedrock or water tables. They are also capable of transporting solids, so there are no residuals left on site for periodic pump and haul operations. The valve pit is cheaper than a STEP connection, especially where multiple houses share a pit, but the vacuum collection station can be quite expensive.

Gravity

Traditional gravity collection systems transport all the wastewater from a home or business to a treatment plant using a large diameter (8 inch and greater) pipe. In order for these systems to transport solids in addition to fluids, pipes must be installed at a certain slope to ensure scouring and movement of solids. Maintaining this slope moves the pipe deeper, which requires either deep excavations or lift stations to pump the waste back up toward the ground surface. Manholes are also required at set intervals and pipe junctions for maintenance purposes.

Gravity collection systems are well understood, reliable and frequently chosen because engineers and designers have little experience with alternative sewers. However, a high capital cost often makes them cost prohibitive in rural areas of low population density and they have been selected as the preferred treatment type in only a limited number of communities. Because of their depth, high number of pipe joints, leaking manholes, poor on-lot lateral construction and insufficient inspection (which often results in illegal “clear water” entry), they are also subject to extensive infiltration and inflow, as witnessed at the Mullens facility (Chapter 2.2.1).

Treatment Systems

Community Treatment Field

When space and soil conditions allow, a single treatment field can be used to serve an entire community. If state codified site criteria can be met, treatment fields offer very high treatment efficiency in removing total suspended solids (TSS), biological oxygen demand (BOD), phosphorus, and microbiological contaminants. These subsurface wastewater infiltration systems typically demonstrate 99% efficiency in removing pollutants from wastewater (USEPA, 2002) and the design is based on the same principles as in onsite systems (Chapter 3.1.1).

Additional treatment technologies (Chapter 3.1.1) may be necessary in some communities in order to meet code requirements and ensure effective treatment. In order to protect water quality, treatment technologies utilizing subsurface dispersal are preferred.

Package Plant

Package plants utilize the same treatment technology as do large, centralized wastewater treatment facilities (Chapter 3.1.3), but on a smaller scale. Unfortunately, the same level of skilled operation is required for both.

Package plants can treat wastewater to secondary levels (30 mg/L of BOD and TSS) and typically demonstrate 90% efficiency in removing pollutants from wastewater. They must be followed by disinfection to meet surface discharge requirements for pathogens, and must be augmented in order to perform significant nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorus) removal.

They are the preferred treatment system only for communities where a subsurface discharge is not feasible. Because package plants result in a surface discharge which requires a NPDES permit, Section 319 funding will not be sought to implement these projects.

3.1.3 Centralized

Collection and Treatment Systems

Traditional, centralized wastewater collection and treatment systems pipe wastewater from a large number of homes and businesses to a central place for treatment. Gravity collection systems are used as described in Chapter 3.1.2. Treatment plants are sized according to the volume of wastewater they handle. During primary treatment, solids and fluids are separated and aerobic bacteria treat the waste. Most facilities also use chlorine, UV light, or ozone to further disinfect treated effluent. Disinfected effluent is then discharged to a surface water body. Ultimately, the solids generated by the treatment facility must be removed from the system, treated if necessary, and disposed of by hauling to a sewage treatment facility or landfill or, more typically, via land application.

Within the Upper Guyandotte watershed, the City of Mullens operates the only centralized wastewater treatment facility. A conventional sewer line extension from the Mullens plant was identified as the preferred option for three communities. However, the significant I&I problem at the Mullens plant would need to be addressed prior to the construction of any line extensions (see Chapter 2.2.1 for further explanation).

3.1.4 Operation and Maintenance

Adequate and capable management of wastewater treatment systems is critical to ensuring system performance and the protection of water quality and public health. If the options presented in this WBP are to be long-term, sustainable solutions, then proper maintenance of treatment systems is essential.

The health department is typically the entity responsible for permitting and inspecting single-family onsite wastewater treatment systems.

A responsible management entity (RME) must be in place for any community system to be permitted or constructed. Local public service districts (PSDs) or municipalities usually serve as RMEs for larger, community systems.

Primary roles and responsibilities of an RME include:

- Inspection and maintenance of all their systems
- Water quality monitoring (to fulfill permit requirements)
- Billing and other administrative functions
- Authority to set rates, collect fees, levy taxes, acquire debt, and issue bonds
- Authority to obtain easements for access to property
- Training, certification, and licensing for staff and contractors
- Public education

A wide variety of models and areas of expertise will be drawn upon to develop long-term management agreements for wastewater treatment in the Upper Guyandotte. Potential RMEs include: Crab Orchard MacArthur PSD, Eastern Wyoming PSD, and the City of Mullens. These entities have been involved, in varying degrees, throughout the planning process. Meetings have been conducted to discuss the capabilities of the potential RMEs and responsibilities they may be able or willing to take on. Progress is being made toward establishing a formal agreement.

A training program for wastewater treatment system installers and operators is also being planned and will be implemented as funding permits. This training program will focus on alternative or innovative technologies that technicians may not be currently familiar with. Training may need to include training on maintenance of collection systems (i.e. vacuum technologies), filtration mediums (i.e. textile filters, sand filters), and dispersal mechanisms (i.e. drip irrigation, spray irrigation). Training providers will need to include state agency personnel, service providers, and system manufacturers.

Obstacles to effective management in the Upper Guyandotte

Several potential barriers exist to proper management of wastewater treatment systems in the watershed, particularly with regard to decentralized, clustered approaches. These possible obstacles include:

- Eastern Wyoming Public Service District is the PSD in the Wyoming County region of the watershed, and was established only recently to manage public drinking water systems. While Eastern Wyoming PSD is willing to take on wastewater management, its primary objective remains public water access. They currently do not have the experience or staff needed to manage wastewater. Assistance from UGWA and others will be needed to increase the capacity of the PSD, and to provide ongoing support for initial phases of implementation.
- Land ownership patterns in the region suggest that 75-85% of the land in the watershed is owned by out-of-state interests. Acquiring the necessary easements to install systems may

require extensive, long-distance negotiation. And in some cases, it may not be in the landowner's interest to invest in infrastructure on leased lands. Project partners at the state and local level will need to foster dialogue and leverage participation from all relevant stakeholders.

- As in most states, delinquent payment of wastewater bills is traditionally addressed by shutting off public water to an individual house. In many communities in the Wyoming County portion of the Upper Guyandotte watershed, however, public water is not available, and therefore no enforcement mechanism exists. PSDs and funding entities are reluctant to support a system where enforcement is difficult if not impossible. Legislative and/or rule changes may need to be made providing for additional enforcement tools, such as placing liens that are added to tax bills.
- Substandard plumbing and electrical services in individual homes can provide impediments to proper operation of decentralized wastewater systems. System designers will need to address these potential problems on a case-by-case basis, and be fluent in system requirements.
- In general, the application of alternative wastewater treatment technologies in the state has not always been successful, typically due to inadequate maintenance and care. Because of the reputation such systems have acquired, some potential managers, permit providers, and enforcement officers are reluctant to assist with the installation of decentralized and onsite solutions. UGWA and its project partners must work to both educate all stakeholders in current technologies and best practices, and insure that adequate maintenance measures are concurrently put in place with treatment systems.

Many of these have been long-standing obstacles to the provision of wastewater treatment in West Virginia's Southern Coalfields. Recognition of these problems is increasing, however, and UGWA and its project partners are well situated to address these concerns through local, hands-on project implementation, through cooperative capacity building, and through the initiation of local and state policy reform as needed.

3.2 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation

This chapter describes the various measures that may be used to control polluted mine drainage. Numbers in parentheses following the name of the method indicate the potential load reductions when the method is used correctly and in the proper situation.

3.2.1 Land reclamation

- **Removing refuse coal (95%).** This method has the potential to eliminate the metal loads completely if all of the refuse material can be removed. However, the cost of removing the materials is often much greater than the cost of covering them with an impervious layer and revegetating the cap.
- **Isolating refuse coal from flowpaths (50%).** See the next two items. It is difficult to estimate the efficacy of these measures exactly.

- **Sealing from above.** Infiltration of water into refuse coal can be slowed by covering the material with low-permeability material, such as clay, and covering that layer with a vegetated layer to stabilize it.
- **Isolating from below.** Interactions between water and refuse coal can be further minimized by separating the waste material from impermeable bedrock below with conductive materials. Water may then flow beneath the refuse and be conducted away without reacting with it.
- **Surface water management.** Rock-lined ditches or grouted channels can be used to convey surface water off site before it can percolate into refuse coal. Limestone is often used in such channels to neutralize acidity, as with oxic limestone channels (OLCs), discussed below.

3.2.2 *Passive treatment*

- **Acidity reducing techniques.** Where mine drainage is strongly acidic, which is more typically seen in northern West Virginia, a number of measures have been developed that neutralize acid, including limestone leachbeds, sulfate-reducing bioreactors, and reducing and alkalinity producing systems. Water quality data from the Upper Guyandotte region, though sparse, do not indicate strongly acidic water, so other water treatment methods will be more important.
- **Manganese removal beds (MRBs) (to 2 mg/L).** Manganese may be removed from polluted mine drainage either by active treatment (Chapter 3.2.3) or by MRBs. In MRBs, water is passed over a wide limestone bed, and dissolved manganese oxidizes and precipitates from solution.
- **Oxic (or Open) limestone channels (30%).** Research to estimate the efficacy of OLCs is active. OLCs have the advantage that continually moving water may erode any armoring from limestone, and that water flow should remove precipitates from OLCs so that they do not interfere with acid neutralization. In practice, the efficacy of OLCs may suffer because they are too short, most limestone may be placed so as to react with water only at high flows, and fluctuating water levels enhance armoring. Recent research suggests that the acid neutralization that takes place in OLCs is actually greater than can be accounted for by limestone dissolution
- **Aerobic wetlands (wide range).** Wide areas of exposure to the atmosphere in constructed wetlands can allow metals in solution to oxidize. Slower waters allow precipitates to fall out of suspension.
- **Grouting (50%).** Setting up grout walls or curtains in deep mines has great potential to solve polluted mine drainage problems. Ideally, such barriers may serve to keep water from entering mines and interacting with acid-forming materials. They must be constructed carefully so as not to build water pressures near a weak point and to avoid blowouts. Also, fractures in bedrock always allow some water into mines, even if flows are eliminated. A grouting project at Winding Ridge, near Friendsville, MD, decreased acidity by 50% (MPPRP, 2000).

3.2.3 *Active treatment*

- **Treating (100+ %).** A variety of active treatment methods exist for mine drainage. One of a number of alkaline chemicals can be mixed with the polluted water if alkalinity is required. The mixture may then be aerated or treated with an oxidant, such as hydrogen

peroxide, and is finally passed through ponds allowing metal hydroxides to settle out as sludge.

4 Estimated load reductions and costs (b)

The TMDL sets goals for pollutant reductions from nonpoint and point source activities that, if enacted, should improve water quality so that the stream segments are removed from the 303(d) list and meet standards (USEPA, 2004).

4.1 Fecal coliform bacteria

In the Upper Guyandotte watershed, the mainstem of the Guyandotte River is listed for fecal coliform impairments. The TMDL for the Guyandotte Basin therefore identifies load reductions for fecal coliform bacteria that are required in the major tributaries of the Upper Guyandotte watershed in order to delist the mainstem of the Guyandotte River.

Load reductions anticipated upon implementation of this WBP (Table 12) meet or exceed target load reductions required by the TMDL for the major tributaries only (Table 13). It is not expected that implementation of this WBP will achieve the entire required load reduction for the mainstem of the Guyandotte River.

Even though TMDL load reductions for the tributaries were not calculated specifically to attain water quality standards in those tributaries, the total anticipated load reduction represents a 95% reduction in the overall current annual load across the Upper Guyandotte watershed, and attainment of water quality standards in the tributaries is a likely outcome.

In addition, in assigning load reductions, the authors of the TMDL state that, “Headwaters tributaries were reduced first because their impact frequently had a profound effect on downstream water quality in the Guyandotte mainstem” (USEPA, 2004, pg 5-12). Therefore, load reductions achieved in the Upper Guyandotte watershed will likely have a significant impact on the success of future efforts to attain standards in the mainstem of the Guyandotte River.

Current load⁹ and load reduction estimates were based on the number of homes in each community, the efficiency of the treatment system proposed, and the number of fecal coliform bacteria counts present annually in untreated waste discharged from one household (a constant). A detailed description of these calculations is given in Appendix C (pg. 87).

⁹ Current baseline loads as given in the TMDL document are not listed in Table 12 because the calculations used in generating those numbers were based on an assumption that over estimated the number of homes in the watershed currently being served by onsite septic systems. See Chapter 6.5 for further explanation.

Table 12: Anticipated fecal coliform load reductions

| Community | TMDL SWS | Current Load (cfu/year) | Anticipated Load Reduction (cfu/year) |
|---|---------------------|--|--|
| Pinnacle Creek (OG- 124) | | | |
| | | 2.149E+14 | 2.128E+14 |
| Bob's Branch | 2807 | 2.233E+13 | 2.211E+13 |
| Bud Lite | 2807 | 1.015E+13 | 1.005E+13 |
| Herndon Heights | 2811 | 1.109E+14 | 1.098E+14 |
| Micajah | 2811 | 2.639E+13 | 2.613E+13 |
| Spider Ridge | 2810 | 4.517E+13 | 4.472E+13 |
| Guyandotte River 1 (OG -up, OG-125 through OG-130) | | | |
| | | 9.006E+14 | 8.370E+14 |
| Cabin Creek | 2900 | 6.312E+13 | 6.249E+13 |
| Lower Itmann | 1121 | 2.385E+14 | 2.147E+14 |
| New Richmond | 1117 | 2.472E+14 | 2.225E+14 |
| Rt. 16 pg 1 | 1117 | 1.735E+13 | 1.717E+13 |
| Rt. 16 pg 6 | 1120 | 4.337E+12 | 4.294E+12 |
| Saulsville | 2909 | 1.977E+14 | 1.957E+14 |
| Still Run | 3200 | 4.337E+12 | 4.294E+12 |
| Upper Itmann | 1121 | 1.214E+14 | 1.093E+14 |
| Upper Polk Gap | 3200 | 6.644E+12 | 6.578E+12 |
| Barkers Creek (OG-131) | | | |
| | | 1.236E+15 | 1.172E+15 |
| Alpoca | 3302 | 2.188E+14 | 1.985E+14 |
| Basin | 3303 | 3.391E+13 | 3.357E+13 |
| Basin Ridge 1 | 3303 | 5.652E+13 | 5.595E+13 |
| Basin Ridge 2 | 3303 | 1.515E+14 | 1.500E+14 |
| Basin Road | 3303 | 2.487E+13 | 2.462E+13 |
| Bud | 3302 | 2.050E+14 | 1.845E+14 |
| Bud Mountain | 3302 | 4.263E+13 | 4.221E+13 |
| Covel | 3309 | 1.208E+14 | 1.088E+14 |
| Garwood | 3310 | 6.489E+13 | 6.042E+13 |
| Herndon | 3305 | 4.928E+13 | 4.878E+13 |
| Herndon II | 3308 | 4.928E+13 | 4.878E+13 |
| Lusk Community | 3303 | 2.713E+13 | 2.686E+13 |
| Lusk Settlement | 3303 | 2.053E+13 | 2.033E+13 |
| Montecarlo | 3304 | 8.213E+12 | 8.131E+12 |
| Peak Creek | 3303 | 5.200E+13 | 5.148E+13 |
| Tracy's Mountain | 3302 | 1.017E+14 | 1.007E+14 |
| Tralee | 3300 | 8.582E+12 | 8.496E+12 |
| Slab Fork (OG- 134) | | | |
| | | 3.867E+14 | 3.676E+14 |
| Acord Mt. | 3406 | 3.036E+13 | 3.006E+13 |
| Hotchkiss | 3406 | 6.893E+13 | 6.480E+13 |
| Lower Polk Gap | 3403 | 2.473E+13 | 2.448E+13 |
| Maben | 3404 | 3.864E+13 | 3.478E+13 |
| McKinney Ridge | 3406 | 2.030E+13 | 2.010E+13 |
| Otsego | 3401 | 9.302E+13 | 8.371E+13 |
| Pierpoint | 3402 | 9.108E+13 | 9.017E+13 |
| Polk Gap | 3403 | 1.495E+13 | 1.480E+13 |
| Tams Mt. | 3406 | 4.707E+12 | 4.660E+12 |

| Community | TMDL SWS | Current Load (cfu/year) | Anticipated Load Reduction (cfu/year) |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Guyandotte River 2 (OG-up, OG-132, OG-133, OG-135, OG-136) | | | |
| Allen Junction | 1123 | 9.846E+13 | 9.244E+13 |
| Beechwood | 1123 | 7.832E+13 | 7.754E+13 |
| Blackeagle | 1123 | 5.864E+13 | 5.278E+13 |
| Corinne | 1123 | 1.370E+14 | 1.233E+14 |
| Corinne Bottom | 1123 | 1.723E+14 | 1.551E+14 |
| Iroquois | 1124 | 7.235E+13 | 7.162E+13 |
| Sand Gap | 1125 | 6.713E+13 | 6.646E+13 |
| Stephenson Bottom | 1125 | 7.608E+13 | 7.532E+13 |
| Stephenson Hill | 1126 | 4.699E+13 | 4.390E+13 |
| Wyco | 3500 | 1.329E+14 | 1.316E+14 |
| Devils Fork (OG-137) | | 1.404E+14 | 1.390E+14 |
| Amigo | 3600 | 1.171E+14 | 1.159E+14 |
| Egeria | 3603 | 2.325E+13 | 2.302E+13 |
| Winding Gulf (OG-138) | | 2.652E+14 | 2.458E+14 |
| Helen | 3701 | 1.860E+14 | 1.674E+14 |
| McAlpin | 3701 | 7.013E+12 | 6.943E+12 |
| Stotesbury | 3701 | 4.651E+13 | 4.604E+13 |
| Ury | 3701 | 2.563E+13 | 2.537E+13 |
| Stonecoal Creek (OG-139) | | 8.653E+14 | 8.112E+14 |
| Besoco | 3706 | 5.594E+13 | 5.156E+13 |
| Eastgulf | 3704 | 7.687E+13 | 7.610E+13 |
| Josephine | 3706 | 1.236E+14 | 1.224E+14 |
| Kilarney | 3705 | 4.660E+12 | 4.613E+12 |
| Lego | 3706 | 5.126E+13 | 4.613E+13 |
| Mead | 3705 | 5.592E+13 | 5.536E+13 |
| Mead II | 3705 | 1.864E+13 | 1.845E+13 |
| Odd | 3707 | 4.154E+13 | 4.112E+13 |
| Pickshin | 3706 | 2.575E+13 | 2.549E+13 |
| Rhodell | 3703 | 4.111E+14 | 3.700E+14 |
| Total | | 4.949E+15 | 4.675E+15 |
| % Reduction | | | 94.47 |

Load reduction calculations are described in detail in Appendix C (pg. 87).

Table 13: Anticipated fecal coliform load reductions and TMDL required reductions

| Subwatershed (Stream Code) | SWS with a treatment system proposed | SWS with a reduction required by TMDL | Anticipated Load Reduction (cfu/yr) | Required Reduction (cfu/yr) |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Barker's Creek (OG-131) | 3300, 3302, 3303, 3304, 3305, 3308, 3309, 3310 | 3300, mouth of Barker's Creek | 1.172E+15 | 1.364E+14 |
| Devil's Fork (OG-137) | 3600, 3603 | 3600, mouth of Devil's Fork | 1.390E+14 | 1.247E+14 |
| Pinnacle Creek (OG-124) | 2807, 2810, 2811 | 2800, mouth of Pinnacle Creek | 2.128E+14 | 2.059E+14 |
| Slab Fork (OG-134) | 3401, 3402, 3403, 3404, 3406 | 3400, mouth of Slab Fork | 3.676E+14 | 1.738E+14 |
| Stonecoal Creek (OG-139) | 3703, 3704, 3705, 3706, 3707 | 3700, start of Guyandotte River | 8.112E+14 | |
| Winding Gulf (OG-138) | 3701 | 3700, start of Guyandotte River | 2.458E+14 | |
| | | | <u>1.057E+15</u> | 5.616E+14 |
| Guyandotte River 1 (OG-127) | 2900 | 2900, mouth of Cabin Creek | 2.582E+14 | 4.21E+13 |
| Guyandotte River 1 (OG-125, OG-126, OG-128, OG- 129) | 1117, 1120, 1121 | none given | 5.679E+14 | 0 |
| Guyandotte River 1 (OG-130) | 3200 | 3200, Still Run | 1.087E+13 | 2.611E+13 |
| | | | <u>8.370E+14</u> | <u>6.821E+13</u> |
| Guyandotte River 2 (OG-132, OG-133) | 1123, 1124, 1126 | none given | 6.167E+14 | 0 |
| Guyandotte River 2 (OG-136) | 1125 | 1125, Big Branch | 1.418E+14 | 1.123E+13 |
| Guyandotte River 2 (OG-135) | 3500 | 3500, mouth of Allen Creek | 1.316E+14 | 4E+13 |
| | | | <u>8.900E+14</u> | <u>5.123E+13</u> |

Source: Table 11 (pg. 25), Table 12 (pg. 38), and USEPA (2004).

The total cost of providing adequate wastewater treatment to all homes in the Upper Guyandotte watershed will be over \$16.28 million; a summary of construction cost estimates by subwatershed is given in Table 14. The estimated construction cost for each project area is given in Table 11 (pg. 25).

Table 14: Wastewater treatment costs by subwatershed

| Subwatershed | Stream Code(s) | Estimated Construction Cost |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Devil's Fork | OG-137 | \$307,750 |
| Pinnacle Creek | OG-124 | \$525,000 |
| Winding Gulf | OG-138 | \$1,032,750 |
| Slab Fork | OG-134 | \$1,344,700 |
| Stonecoal Creek | OG-139 | \$2,971,320 |
| Guyandotte River 2 | OG-up, OG-132, OG-133, OG-135, OG-136 | \$3,054,030 |
| Guyandotte River 1 | OG -up, OG-125 through OG-130 | \$3,472,500 |
| Barker's Creek | OG-131 | \$3,568,400 |
| Total | | \$16,276,450 |

Construction costs for each project area were determined using the cost assumptions in

Table 10 (pg. 24) and the length (in feet) of sewer line needed. The length of sewer line needed was estimated using GIS software and digital aerial photographs. Cost estimates were calculated for several different wastewater treatment technologies in order to determine the most cost effective option. Construction costs for project areas were summed, when necessary, to give total costs for each community. A detailed description of these calculations is given in Appendix E (pg. 92).

In developing this WBP, the construction cost estimates were used primarily to compare individual projects to one another in order to generate a relative priority ranking. It is not assumed that the cost estimates definitively represent the entire cost of project implementation.

For example, construction cost estimates do not include stream, railroad or highway crossings. The need and cost estimates for such crossings will be determined during development of preliminary engineering reports. Crossings can be quite costly and could greatly increase the total construction cost for any project where they are necessary. However, one of the advantages of clusters systems in the minimization of the need for such crossings.

Other costs that may be incurred during project implementation which are not included in all¹⁰ construction cost estimates include: project management, water quality monitoring, training and operator certification, engineering and design work, contingencies, soft costs (Public Service Commission fees, attorney fees, etc.), and/or other costs associated with addressing the obstacles listed in Chapter 3.1.4. The amount of these costs will be estimated on a project by project basis and will be included in the budget of any project proposal submitted for implementation funding.

¹⁰ Construction cost estimates for onsite and cluster systems include both engineering/design and contingency cost estimates.

4.2 Metals

While the TMDL calls for metals wasteload allocations for specific point sources, load allocations for nonpoint sources are not tied to specific AMLs. Instead, the load allocations are provided catchment-by-catchment. If all wasteload and load allocations for dissolved aluminum, iron, and manganese are met, the TMDL assumes that the water quality criteria for pH will also be met (USEPA, 2004).

As noted in Chapter 2.1, the aluminum and manganese criteria have become more lenient since the TMDL was approved. The aluminum and manganese TMDL targets therefore may be more stringent than required to meet current water quality standards, and the costs calculated in this chapter may be overestimates.

Table 15 lists the load allocations from the TMDL in the “TMDL target” column. Implementation of this Watershed Based Plan should reduce loads to those goals. The treatment measures proposed for each site are sized with the goal of reducing the loads to meet the TMDL targets. If measures are implemented and targets are still not met, it may be necessary to collect more data and to design additional treatment measures.

Treatment systems for each site are chosen based on the assumption that Section 319 funds will continue to be limited to funding capital costs. Treatment options are therefore limited to land reclamation and passive systems that do not require ongoing operations and maintenance. Load reductions and costs are based on what can reasonably be achieved by land reclamation or installing appropriate passive treatment systems.

Polluted mine drainage may be generated within accumulations of mine spoil or refuse on the surface, or in similar acid forming materials located in underground mines. If site descriptions suggest that materials on the surface are responsible for the polluted mine drainage, then the remediation cost is determined according to the acres of land requiring reclamation. In some cases, spoil piles may be large and adequately vegetated, and passive water treatment may be more cost effective. Virtually all of the treatment proposed in this Watershed Based Plan is for reclamation of spoil or refuse piles.

When polluted mine drainage flows out of underground mines, a passive treatment system can be chosen and sized based on water chemistry and flow data. If the discharge is net alkaline, treatment requires aeration and settling. A correctly designed aerobic wetland could provide this treatment. In net acidic water, with low concentrations of aluminum, ferric iron or dissolved oxygen, an anoxic limestone drain can neutralized the acidity. If aluminum, ferric iron or dissolved oxygen is too concentrated, a RAPS would be advised (Watzlaf et al., 2004). If manganese remains in solution despite these measures, MRBs would be required. Only one AML has sufficient water quality and quantity data to allow the costing of a passive treatment system: Stonecoal Creek Complex (4809). On this site, an aerobic wetland was chosen as the appropriate system. No MRBs are recommended in this Watershed Based Plan.

The Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSM's) AMDTreat computer program is used to calculate costs for various treatment measures. Table 16 summarizes the cost calculations performed in this Watershed Based Plan: To meet TMDL targets for 146 miles of impaired streams, it will cost more than \$7 million.

Table 15: Reductions required to meet TMDL targets for abandoned mine lands¹¹

| Stream name | Stream code | Pollutant | Pounds/year | | Required reduction |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | | | TMDL baseline | TMDL target | |
| <u>Guyandotte River 1</u> | | | | | |
| Upper Guyandotte River | OG-up | Fe | 2,523 | 2,523 | 0% |
| | | Mn | 4,349 | 4,349 | 0% |
| Cabin Creek | OG-127 | Fe | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| | | Mn | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Joe Branch | OG-128 | Fe | 2,451 | 147 | 94% |
| | | Mn | 15,589 | 1,559 | 90% |
| Long Branch | OG-129 | Fe | 1,300 | 78 | 94% |
| | | Mn | 8,268 | 661 | 92% |
| Still Run | OG-130 | Fe | 3,076 | 185 | 94% |
| | | Mn | 27,790 | 11,116 | 60% |
| <u>Guyandotte River 2</u> | | | | | |
| Upper Guyandotte River | OG-up | Fe | 3,262 | 3,262 | 0% |
| | | Mn | 5,435 | 5,435 | 0% |
| Allen Creek | OG-135 | Fe | 4,769 | 2,681 | 44% |
| | | Mn | 16,285 | 8,072 | 50% |
| <u>Pinnacle Creek</u> | | | | | |
| | OG-124 | Fe | 17,998 | 1,079 | 94% |
| | | Mn | 79,702 | 22,900 | 71% |
| <u>Barker's Creek</u> | | | | | |
| | OG-131 | Fe | 8,110 | 2,198 | 73% |
| | | Mn | 52,671 | 36,088 | 31% |
| <u>Slab Fork</u> | | | | | |
| | OG-134 | Fe | 4,236 | 1,923 | 55% |
| | | Mn | 27,556 | 11,218 | 59% |
| <u>Devil's Fork</u> | | | | | |
| | OG-137 | Fe | 1,038 | 1,038 | 0% |
| | | Mn | 17,745 | 2,243 | 87% |
| <u>Winding Gulf</u> | | | | | |
| | OG-138 | Fe | 20,339 | 1,220 | 94% |
| | | Mn | 39,825 | 35,842 | 10% |
| <u>Stonecoal Creek</u> | | | | | |
| | OG-139 | Fe | 31,296 | 2,390 | 92% |
| | | Mn | 107,994 | 64,158 | 41% |

¹¹ TMDL targets are load allocations for each pollutant in each subwatershed from USEPA (2004). Required reduction calculations assume the TMDL baseline values are accurate. Total aluminum loads and required reduction not included in table; see Chapter 2.1.2 for further explanation.

Table 16: Summary of AML remediation costs and stream miles improved

| Stream code | Stream name | Impaired miles | | | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------|---|
| | | Mainstem | Tributaries | Total | |
| OG-up | Upper Guyandotte River 1 and 2 | 23 | 15.2 | 38.2 | >\$420,000 |
| OG-124 | Pinnacle Creek | 26.6 | 7.7 | 34.3 | >\$450,000 |
| OG-131 | Barker's Creek | 8 | 12.6 | 20.6 | >\$3,350,000 |
| OG-134 | Slab Fork | 15.1 | 7.2 | 22.3 | >\$280,000 |
| OG-137 | Devil's Fork | 4.9 | 0 | 4.9 | \$150,000 |
| OG-138 | Winding Gulf | 15.5 | 0 | 15.5 | >\$450,000 |
| OG-139 | Stonecoal Creek | 10.2 | 0 | 10.2 | >\$1,940,000 |
| | Total | | | 146.0 | >\$7,040,000 |

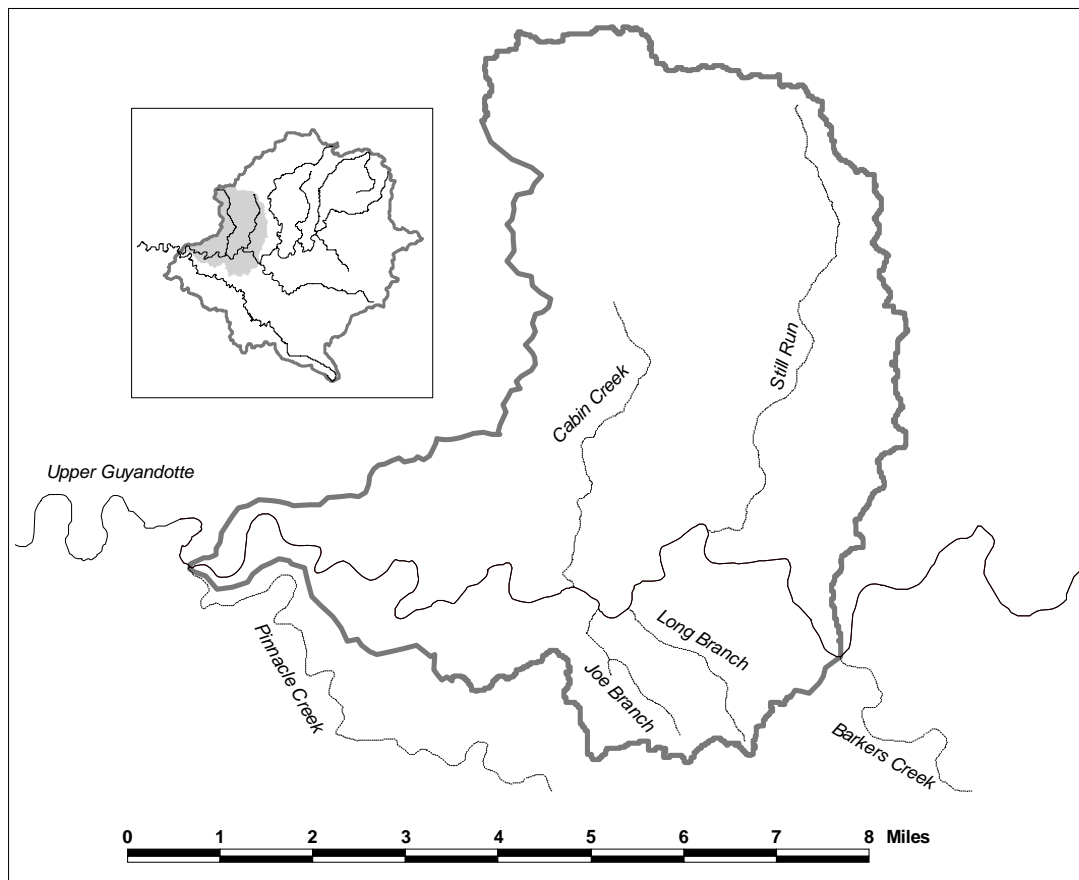
As shown in Table 6, AMLs were not found in every impaired stream.

4.2.1 Guyandotte River 1

This region is the lower (more downstream) of two regions with direct drains. It comprises subwatersheds of all the streams entering the Guyandotte River between Barker's Creek and Pinnacle Creek, including Cabin Creek (OG-127), Still Run (OG-130), Joe Branch (OG-128) and Long Branch (OG-129). The region contains TMDL subwatersheds 1117-1121, 2900-2911, 3000, 3100, and 3200. Agency data sources identified twelve AMLs in this region, but none are likely to contribute polluted mine drainage (WVDEP, Various dates). One PAD describes a large refuse area, (Itmann Refuse Pile, PAD number 529) that has been reclaimed at a cost of more than \$5 million.

Cabin Creek, Still Run, Joe Branch and Long Branch are all impaired by high concentrations of iron and manganese. The TMDL calls for reductions in metal loads from AMLs for Still Run, Joe Branch, and Long Branch. Additional reconnaissance must take place in this area before specific sites can be targeted for clean-ups.

Figure 11: Guyandotte River 1

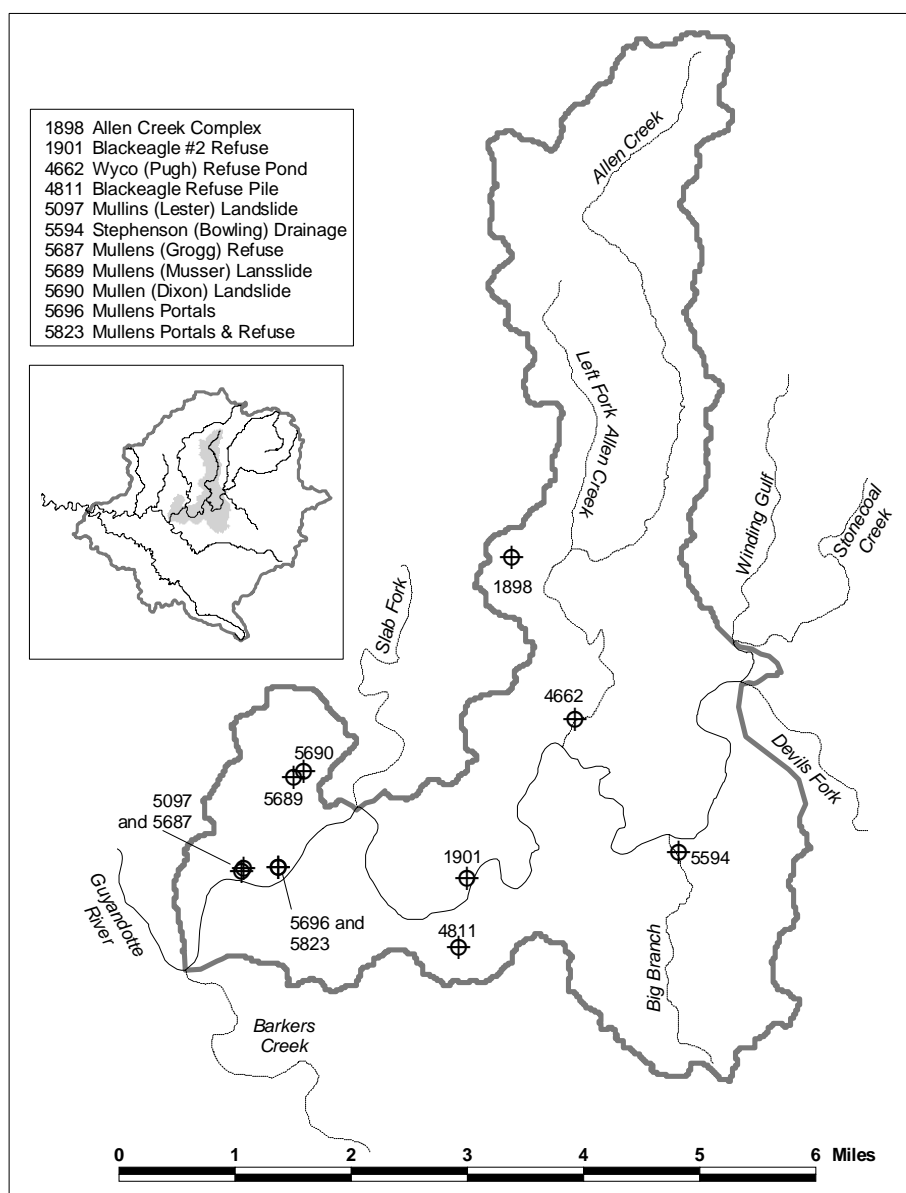


4.2.2 Guyandotte River 2

This region consists of all the drainages entering the Guyandotte River between its beginning at the confluence of Winding Gulf and Stonecoal Creek and the mouth of Barker's Creek, with the exception of the Devil's Fork and Slab Fork watersheds, which are treated separately. Important tributaries contained within this region are Allen Creek (OG-135) and Big Branch (OG-136). The region includes TMDL subwatersheds 1122-1126, 3500-3502, and 3700.

In this region, only the Guyandotte River and Left Fork Allen Creek (OG-135-A) are listed as impaired. The TMDL calls for metals reductions from AMLs that drain to Allen Creek and Big Branch.

Figure 12: Location of AMLs contributing metals to Guyandotte River 2.



Note: Symbols are located at coordinates given by the AMLIS database. AMLs usually encompass surrounding areas.

Table 17: AMLs adding metals to the Guyandotte River 2 watershed

| Site name (Problem area no.) | Past reclamation cost | Site and cost description | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Allen Creek Complex (1898) | \$0 | Fifteen acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. The PAD mentions portals, but no discharges. | \$240,000 |
| Blackeagle #2 Refuse (1901) | \$0 | No PAD is available. AMLIS indicates that the site includes dangerous piles and embankments, a complaint that usually indicates refuse coal that must be reclaimed. | No estimate possible |
| Wyco (Pugh) Refuse Pond (4662) | \$0 | One acre of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$20,000 |
| Blackeagle Refuse Pile (4811) | \$0 | Ten acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$160,000 |
| Mullins (Lester) Landslide (5097) | \$34,400 | This landslide was started by a flow of mine drainage, but no water quality or quantity data are available. | No estimate possible |
| Stephenson (Bowling) Drainage (5594) | \$0 | Water discharges from mine spoil carrying 672 mg/L sulfate, but no water quantity data is available. | No estimate possible |
| Mullens (Grogg) Refuse (5687) | \$0 | No PAD is available. AMLIS indicates that the site includes dangerous piles and embankments, a complaint that usually indicates refuse coal that must be reclaimed. | No estimate possible |
| Mullens (Musser) Landslide (5689) | \$97,310 | This landslide was started by a flow of mine drainage, but no water quality or quantity data are available. | No estimate possible |
| Mullen (Dixon) Landslide (5690) | \$33,999 | A blowout of mine water initiated this landslide. The PAD does not indicate whether any drainage continues. | No estimate possible |
| Mullens Portals (5696) | \$0 | The PAD enumerates draining portals in the Mullens area, but has no water quality or quantity data. | No estimate possible |
| Mullens Portals & Refuse (5823) | \$0 | This is a new PAD for the complaints listed in 5687 and 5696. An additional 10 gpm drainage source is also mentioned. | No estimate possible |
| Total, Upper Guyandotte Direct Drains 2 watershed | | | >\$420,000 |

Source: Past reclamation costs from OSM (2005). Site and cost descriptions from OSM (2005) and WVDEP (Various dates). Estimated future costs for water remediation calculated in this plan.

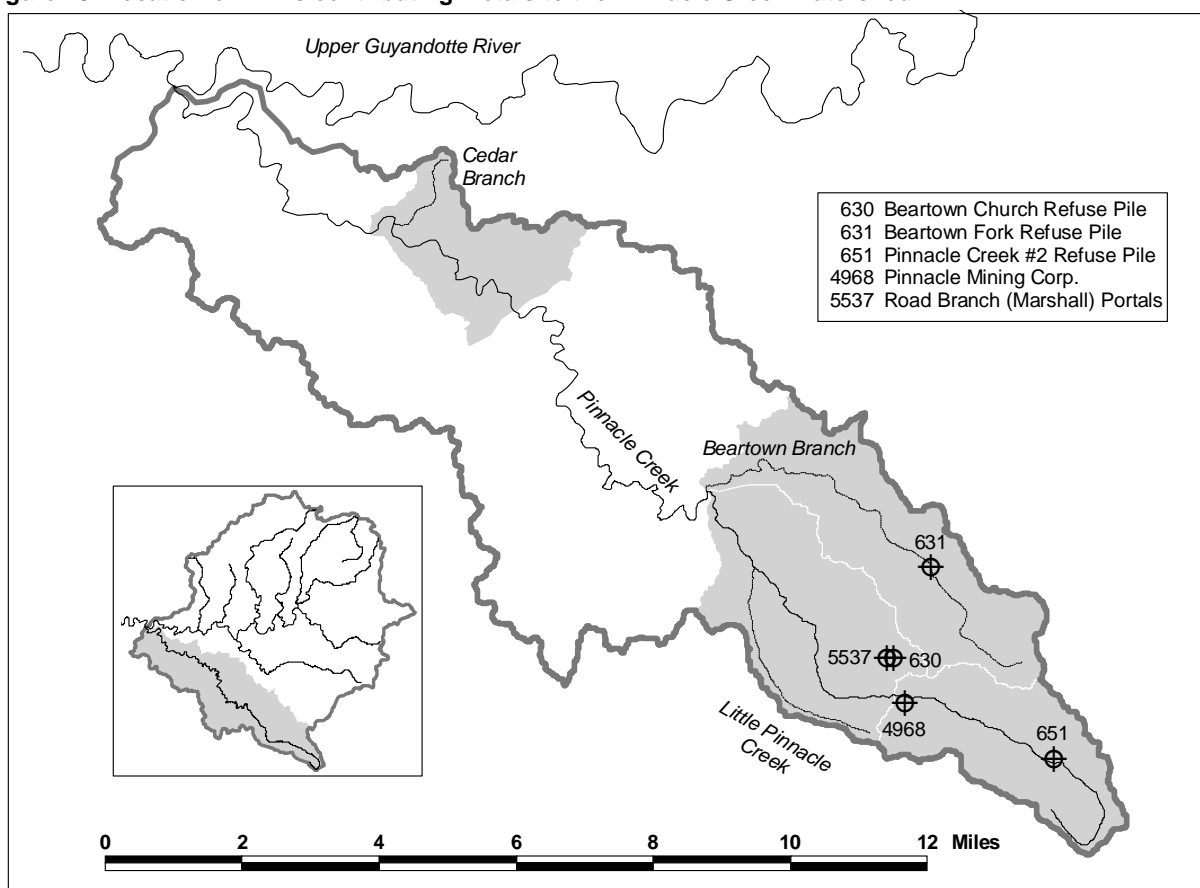
4.2.3 Pinnacle Creek

The watershed of Pinnacle Creek (OG-124) includes TMDL subwatersheds 2800-2813.

Pinnacle Creek is impaired by iron and manganese pollution. Some of its tributaries—Smith Branch, Laurel Branch, and Spider Creek—are also listed for iron and manganese impairment.

The TMDL calls for reductions in metal loads from three subwatersheds in the upper reaches of the Pinnacle Creek watershed, and also from an area containing several smaller tributaries, including Cedar Branch. PADs described nine AMLs in the upper subwatersheds, but none were found for the subwatershed containing Cedar Branch. According to the PADs, clean-ups at five of the AMLs could reduce pollutant loads.

Figure 13: Location of AMLs contributing metals to the Pinnacle Creek watershed



Note: Symbols are located at coordinates given by the AMLIS database. AMLs usually encompass surrounding areas. TMDL subwatersheds requiring reductions in metal loads from AMLs are shaded.

Table 18: AMLs adding metals to the Pinnacle Creek watershed

| Site name (Problem area no.) | Past reclamation cost | Site and cost description | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Beartown Church Refuse Pile (630) | \$0 | One acre of refuse must be reclaimed. | \$20,000 |
| Beartown Fork Refuse Pile (631) | \$0 | Two acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | \$30,000 |
| Pinnacle Creek #2 Refuse Pile (651) | \$0 | Twenty acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | \$320,000 |
| Pinnacle Mining Corp. (4968) | \$0 | Four acres of refuse must be reclaimed. A portal discharges water used for public water supply. No data are available to evaluate its pollution load or clean-up cost. | \$80,000 + Portal water |
| Road Branch (Marshall) Portals (5537) | \$0 | Two portals discharge 350 gpm. No water analyses available. | No estimate possible |
| Total, Pinnacle Creek watershed | | | >\$450,000 |

Source: Site and cost descriptions from OSM (2005) and WVDEP (Various dates). Estimated future costs for water remediation calculated in this plan. "+ Portal water" indicates that additional costs may be incurred to treat water discharging from portal.

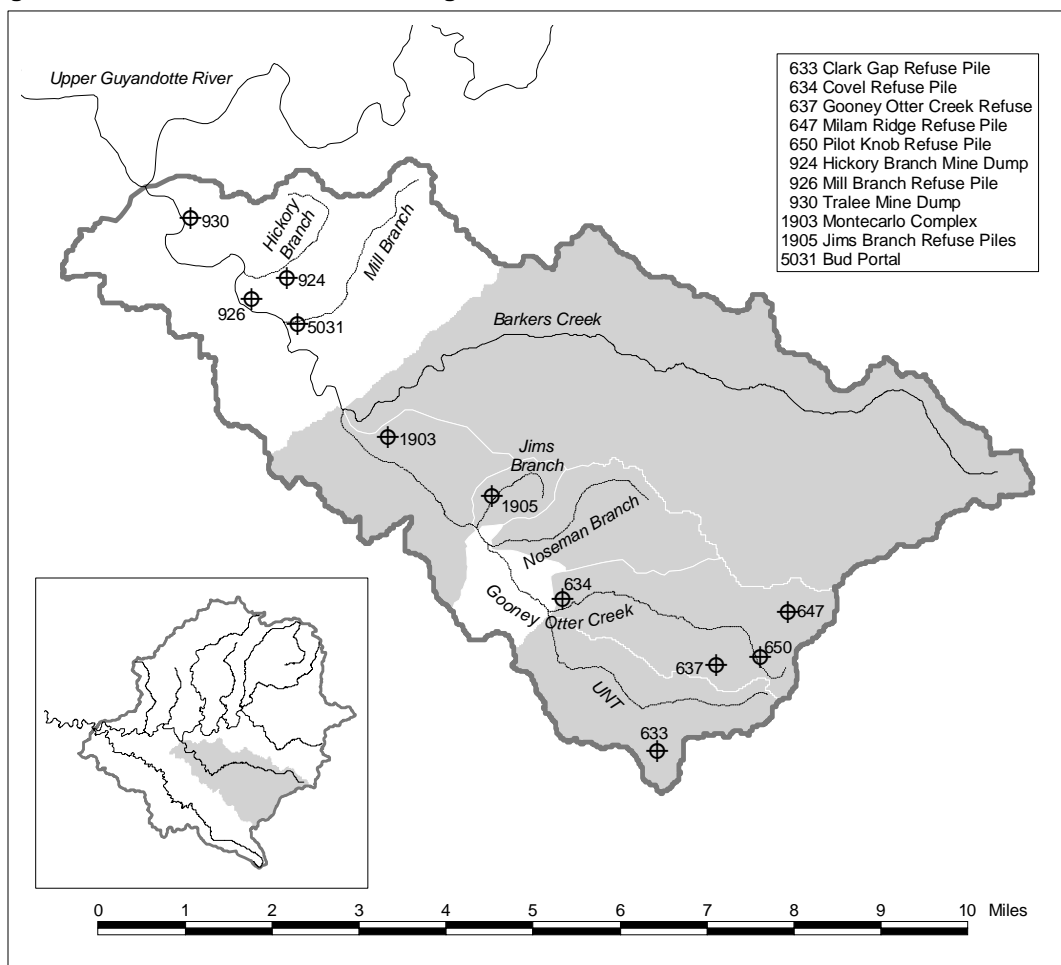
4.2.4 Barker's Creek

The watershed of Barker's Creek (OG-131) contains TMDL subwatersheds 3300-3310.

Barker's Creek and many of its tributaries, including Hickory Branch, Gooney Otter Creek, Jims Branch, and Noseman Branch, are impaired by iron and manganese.

The list of impaired streams in this watershed matches poorly with the subwatersheds in which the TMDL calls for metal reductions, and with the AMLs that generate AMD. The subwatersheds containing Hickory Branch and Mill Branch each contain AMLs that generate metals pollution, and although both streams show impairment, the TMDL does not call for reductions from AMLs there. On the other hand, reductions in metal loads are required in the subwatershed containing Noseman Branch, but no AMLs there are documented as discharging metals pollution. The TMDL does call for reductions in subwatershed containing Gooney Otter Creek and Jims Branch, and AMLs in those subwatersheds do discharge metals.

Figure 14: Location of AMLs contributing metals to the Barker's Creek



Note: Symbols are located at coordinates given by the AMLIS database. AMLs usually encompass surrounding areas. TMDL subwatersheds requiring reductions in metal loads from AMLs are shaded.

Table 19: AMLs adding metals to the Barker's Creek watershed

| Site name (Problem area no.) | Past reclamation cost | Site and cost description | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Clark Gap Refuse Pile (633) | \$0 | Fifteen acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | \$240,000 |
| Covel Refuse Pile (634) | \$475,191 | Land reclamation is complete, but use of a wet seal suggests water discharge that is not treated. | No estimate possible |
| Gooney Otter Creek Refuse (637) | \$0 | 30 acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | \$490,000 |
| Milam Ridge Refuse Pile (647) | \$0 | Ten acres of refuse must be reclaimed. Three portals will require wet seals and therefore discharge potentially polluting water. No water quality or quantity data available. | \$190,000 + Portal water |
| Pilot Knob Refuse Pile (650) | \$0 | Ten acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | \$160,000 |
| Hickory Branch Mine Dump (924) | \$0 | 75 acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | >\$1,000,000 |
| Alpoca Mine Dump (926) | \$0 | Ten acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | \$160,000 |
| Tralee Mine Dump (930) | \$0 | 100 acres of refuse must be reclaimed. | >\$1,000,000 |
| Montecarlo Complex (1903) | \$0 | Three acres of refuse must be reclaimed, and approximately 80 gpm of drainage at pH 4.5 must be treated. No measurement of the acidity of the drainage is available for a water-treatment cost. | \$110,000 + Portal water |
| Jim's Branch Refuse Piles (1905) | \$225,232 | Land reclamation is complete, but there has been no treatment of mine drainage. No data are available for water-treatment costs. | No estimate possible |
| Bud Portal (5031) | \$0 | A wet seal is required, indicating mine drainage. No data are available for water-treatment costs. | No estimate possible |
| Total, Barkers Creek watershed | | | >\$3,350,000 |

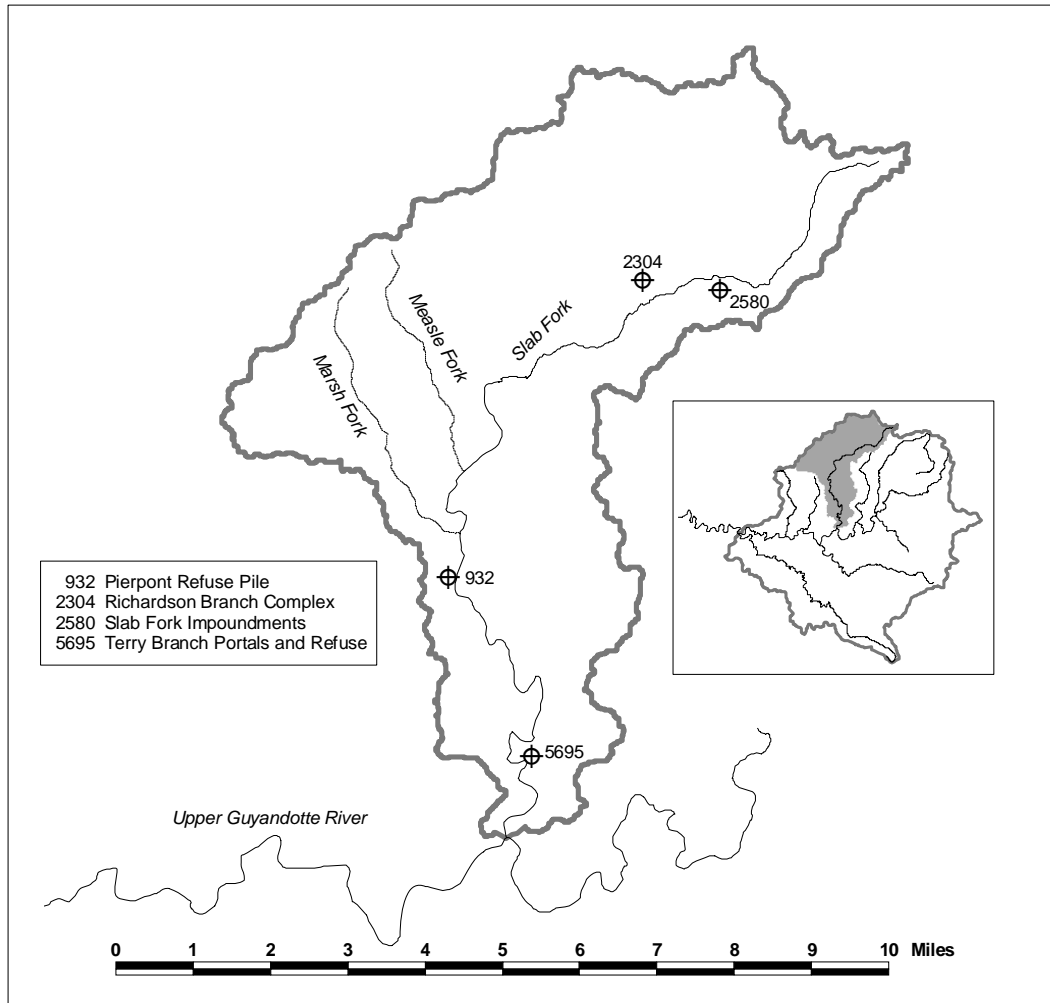
Source: Past reclamation costs from OSM (2005). Site and cost descriptions from OSM (2005) and WVDEP (Various dates). Estimated future costs for water remediation calculated in this plan. "+ Portal water" indicates that additional costs may be incurred to treat water discharging from portal.

4.2.5 Slab Fork

The watershed of Slab Fork (OG-134) contains TMDL subwatersheds 3400-3406.

The Slab Fork watershed also contains Marsh Fork and Measle Fork, both of which are impaired. The TMDL, however, calls for load reductions from AMLs only in the uppermost subwatershed of the Slab Fork watershed.

Figure 15: Location of AMLs contributing metals to the Slab Fork watershed



Note: Symbols are located at coordinates given by the AMLIS database. AMLs usually encompass surrounding areas.

Table 20: AMLs adding metals to the Slab Fork watershed

| Site name (Problem area no.) | Past reclamation cost | Site and cost description | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Pierpont Refuse Pile (932) | \$0 | Site includes 6.9 acres of refuse and two portals, one of which discharges 50 gpm, and one of which has a slow discharge. The cost provided is an estimate for land reclamation only. No chemical data are available to estimate the cost of water treatment. | \$130,000 + Portal water |
| Richardson Branch Complex (2304) | \$0 | Seven acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$110,000 |
| Slab Fork Impoundments (2580) | \$0 | Approximately two acres must be reclaimed. The area contained slurry ponds and refuse coal. | \$30,000 |
| Terry Branch Portals and Refuse (5695) | \$0 | Approximately one-half acre of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$10,000 |
| Total, Slab Fork watershed | | | >\$280,000 |

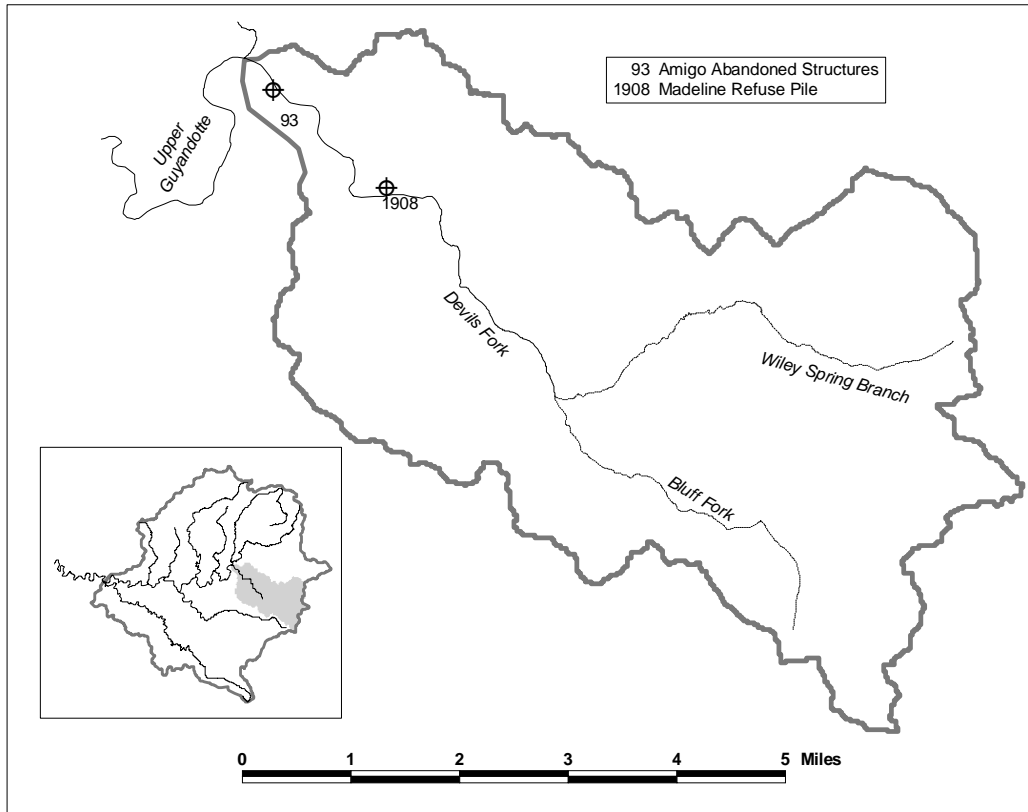
Source: Site and cost descriptions from OSM (2005) and WVDEP (Various dates). Estimated future costs for water remediation calculated in this plan. "+ Portal water" indicates that additional costs may be incurred to treat water discharging from portal.

4.2.6 Devil's Fork

The watershed of Devil's Fork (OG-137) includes TMDL subwatersheds 3600-3604.

The mainstem of this watershed, Devil's Fork, is listed as impaired, and the TMDL calls for reductions only in the subwatershed nearest the confluence of Devil's Fork with the Upper Guyandotte. Seven AMLs were identified in the Devil's Fork watershed, but only two appear to have potential to discharge metals.

Figure 16: Location of AMLs contributing metals to the Devil's Fork watershed



Note: Symbols are located at coordinates given by the AMLIS database. AMLs usually encompass surrounding areas.

Table 21: AMLs adding metals to the Devil's Fork watershed

| Site name (Problem area no.) | Past reclamation cost | Site and cost description | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Amigo Abandoned Mine Structures (93) | \$0 | Six scattered acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$100,000 |
| Madeline Refuse Pile (1908) | \$0 | Three acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$50,000 |
| Total, Devils Fork watershed | | | \$150,000 |

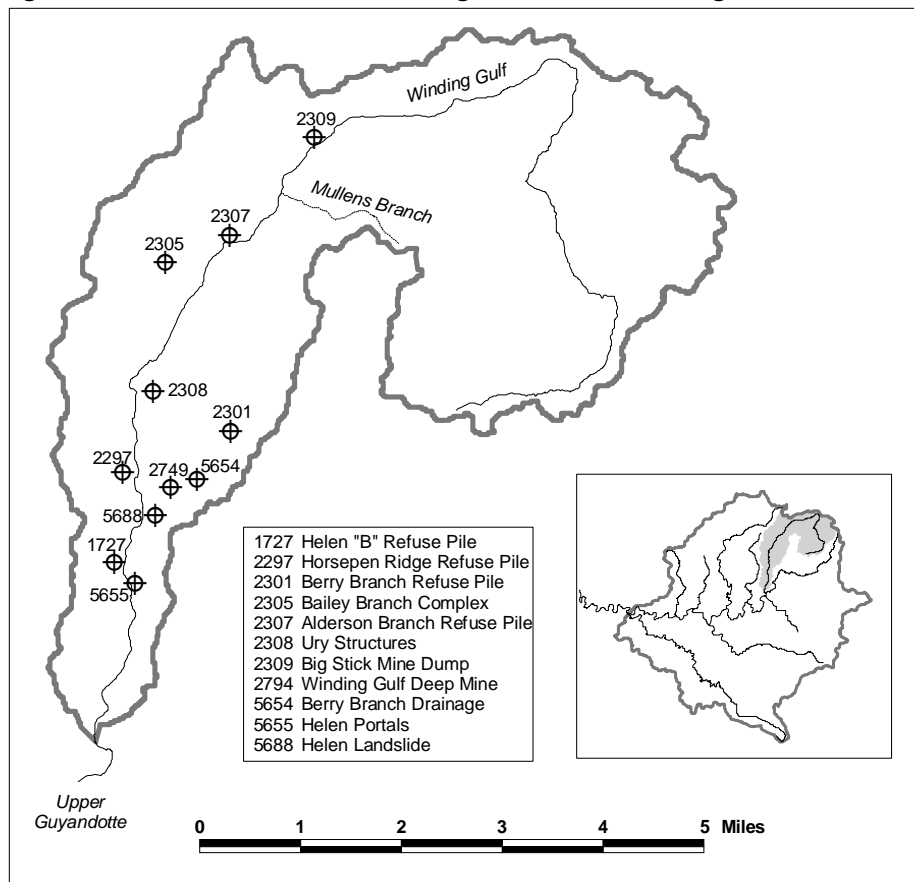
Source: Site and cost descriptions from OSM (2005) and WVDEP (Various dates). Estimated future costs for water remediation calculated in this plan.

4.2.7 Winding Gulf

The watershed of Winding Gulf (OG-138) includes TMDL subwatershed 3701.

Winding Gulf and its tributary, Mullens Branch, are on the 303(d) list. WVDEP information identified 21 AMLs in the watershed of Winding Branch. Eleven of these are likely to contribute metals to surface water. No AMLs were identified that could contribute to Mullens Branch.

Figure 17: Location of AMLs contributing metals to the Winding Gulf watershed



Note: Symbols are located at coordinates given by the AMLIS database. AMLs usually encompass surrounding areas.

Table 22: AMLs adding metals to the Winding Gulf watershed

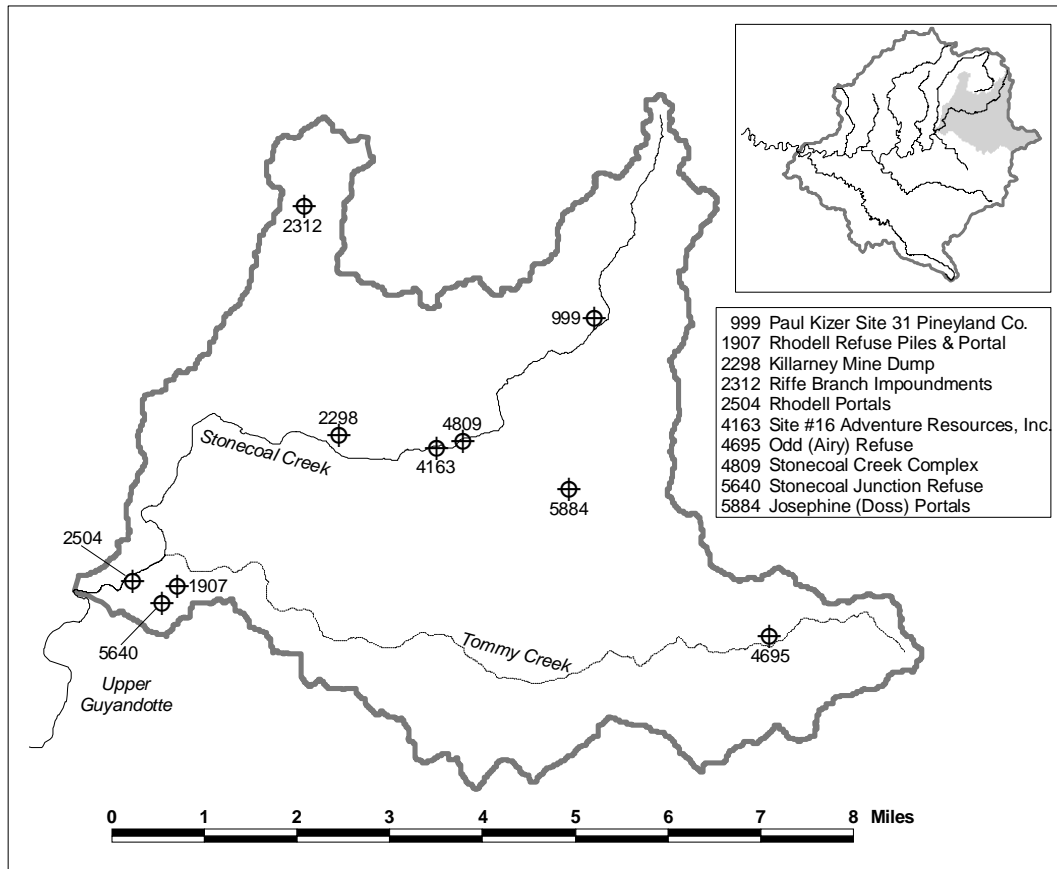
| Site name (Problem area no.) | Past reclamation cost | Site and cost description | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Helen "B" Refuse Pile (1727) | \$0 | Six acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$100,000 |
| Horsepen Ridge Refuse Pile (2297) | \$663,296 | Land reclamation is complete. Mine drainage is indicated by the use of wet seals, but there is no indication water treatment was constructed, and no water quality or quantity data. | No estimate possible |
| Berry Branch Refuse Pile (2301) | \$0 | Four acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$60,000 |
| Bailey Branch Complex (2305) | \$0 | Fifteen acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$240,000 |
| Alderson Branch Refuse Pile (2307) | \$940,724 | Land reclamation is complete. One portal is discharging mine drainage. There is no water quality or quantity data. | No estimate possible |
| Ury Structures (2308) | \$0 | Three acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$50,000 |
| Big Stick Mine Dump (2309) | \$1,157,166 | Land reclamation is complete. There is one 40 gpm discharge, but no water quality data. | No estimate possible |
| Winding Gulf Deep Mine (2749) | \$0 | A portal discharges 50 gpm, but there are no water quality data. | No estimate possible |
| Berry Branch Drainage (5654) | \$72,600 | PAD mentions a mine drainage problem, but provides no water quality or quantity data. | No estimate possible |
| Helen Portals (5655) | \$0 | Site includes two portals with a combined discharge >500 gpm. PAD includes no water quality data. | No estimate possible |
| Helen Landslide (5688) | \$102,520 | PAD mentions mine water that must be routed to stream, but provides no water quality or quantity data. | No estimate possible |
| Total, Winding Gulf watershed | | | >\$450,000 |

Source: Past reclamation costs from OSM (2005). Site and cost descriptions from OSM (2005) and WVDEP (Various dates). Estimated future costs for water remediation calculated in this plan.

4.2.8 Stonecoal Creek

The watershed of Stonecoal Creek (OG-139) includes TMDL subwatersheds 3702-3707.

Figure 18: Location of AMLs contributing metals to the Stonecoal Creek watershed



Note: Symbols are located at coordinates given by the AMLIS database. AMLs usually encompass surrounding areas.

Table 23: AMLs adding metals to the Stonecoal Creek watershed

| Site name (Problem area no.) | Past reclamation cost | Site and cost description | Estimated future cost for water remediation |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Paul Kizer Site 31 Pineyland Co. (999) | \$731,849 | No PAD was found for this site. According to AMLIS, work was completed on a dangerous pile or embankment and a portal on this site. Completed work on portals usually consists of a seal, and no water treatment. This portal may be discharging mine drainage. | No estimate possible |
| Rhodell Refuse Piles & Portal (1907) | \$0 | 10.6 acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. In addition, the site contains mine drainage that is continuous with impounded surface water. Local residents supply their houses with this water, but no chemical data are available. | \$170,000 + Portal water |
| Killarney Mine Dump (2298) | \$0 | 40 acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed, and there is a 4 gpm discharge. Estimated cost includes reclamation only. | \$660,000 + Portal water |
| Riffe Branch Impoundments (2312) | \$0 | Impoundments on a former mine site may or may not contain polluted water. Site could be remediated by filling impoundments and reclaiming the area, or by treating the water. | No estimate possible |
| Rhodell Portals (2504) | \$10,450 | Two portals are discharging mine water. Past reclamation costs suggest the portals have been sealed, but not treated. No water quality or quantity data are available. | No estimate possible |
| Site #16 Adventure Resources, Inc. (4163) | \$0 | One acre of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$20,000 |
| Odd (Airy) Refuse (4695) | \$0 | Four acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$60,000 |
| Stonecoal Creek Complex (4809) | \$869,300 | WVDEP has reclaimed land at this site. In addition, portals have been sealed. The amount spent on portals, however, is consistent with portal seals, and not with water treatment. Together, the portals discharge 1,700 gpm with a pH of 7.5 and an iron concentration of 4 mg/L. Additional treatment cost is for an aerobic wetland expected to sequester 5 grams per square meter per day. | >\$1,000,000 |
| Stonecoal Junction Refuse (5640) | \$0 | Two acres of refuse coal must be reclaimed. | \$30,000 |
| Josephine (Doss) Portals (5884) | \$0 | Site includes three portals discharging mine water. No water quality or quantity data are available. | No estimate possible |
| Total, Stonecoal Creek watershed | | | >\$1,940,000 |

Source: Past reclamation costs from OSM (2005). Site and cost descriptions from OSM (2005) and WVDEP (Various dates). Estimated future costs for water remediation calculated in this plan. "+ Portal water" indicates that additional costs may be incurred to treat water discharging from portal.

5 Technical and financial assistance (d)

Many partners including federal and state agencies, the watershed association, consultants, non-profit assistance providers, academic institutions, and citizens will collaborate in order to provide the technical and financial resources needed to implement this Watershed Based Plan.

All or relevant parts of this WBP will be published and distributed to potential technical and/or financial assistance providers in order to provide background information, demonstrate the need for the projects being proposed, and leverage the resources needed to implement this plan.

5.1 Wastewater Treatment Projects

5.1.1 Technical assistance

Tasks required for project implementation and the partner agency or organization responsible for each task is outlined in Table 24.

Table 24: Tasks required for implementation of wastewater treatment projects

| Task | Lead Agency/ Partners |
|--|--|
| Coordinate and apply for various funding sources | UGWA , CVI, Region 1 PDC, COMA PSD, WV Water Research Inst. |
| Collect water quality data at sources of untreated wastewater | WVDEP, UGWA, WV Water Research Inst. |
| Create preliminary engineering reports | Consultants, CVI |
| Create detailed engineering designs of wastewater treatment projects | Engineering firm |
| Coordinate training opportunities to increase the capacity of local installers and system designers | CVI , UGWA, COMA PSD, East. Wyo. PSD |
| Perform project management, including putting projects out for bid, managing projects, and tracking their progress | UGWA, grant administrator, COMA PSD, East Wyo. PSD , and all project partners |
| Coordinate program to install individual onsite systems and provide homeowners instruction on proper septic maintenance | UGWA |
| Coordinate education and outreach efforts to raise public awareness of nonpoint source wastewater pollution | UGWA |
| Monitor instream and source water quality following the installation of wastewater treatment projects in order to document their effectiveness | UGWA, WVDEP, WV Water Research Inst. |

Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project Committee

Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project committee member agencies and organizations participate in monthly meetings which are organized and chaired by the Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association. The committee has served as a steering committee throughout the development of this plan and will continue to fulfill that function during project implementation. Committee members will share information, target priority projects for implementation, set project goals, analyze technical information and data, develop funding packages, select engineering firms and consultants, evaluate progress, and assist with other implementation tasks.

As other areas of expertise are needed, additional partners will be engaged to participate in the Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project committee. Both *potential* and current participants are listed below.

- Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association
- Canaan Valley Institute
- WV Department of Environmental Protection
 - Non-Point Source Program and Watershed Assessment Program
- Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council
- West Virginia Conservation Agency
- Crab Orchard MacArthur PSD
- Rural Appalachian Improvement League
- West Virginia Bureau for Public Health
- Wyoming County Health Department
- Southern Conservation District
- Beckley-Raleigh County Health Department
- Eastern Wyoming PSD
- WV Water Research Institute
- System manufacturers
- Region 1 Planning and Development Council
- USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- *Rural Community Assistance Program*
- *US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington office*
- *WV Development Office*
- *WV Sewage Advisory Board*
- *WV Public Service Commission*

5.1.2 Funding sources

Multiple funding sources have been explored for implementation of this Watershed Based Plan. Potential sources include state and federal agencies, as well as private and foundation funding, and are listed below.

- WV Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC). Most sources of public funding for wastewater infrastructure are administered by the IJDC.
- WV Department of Environmental Protection, 319 Program & State Revolving Fund
- USDA Rural Utility Services
- Small Cities Block Grants
- Appalachian Regional Commission
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Environmental Protection Agency (i.e. State/Tribal Assistance Grants)
- Canaan Valley Institute (design funding)
- USDA 504(b) program (on-site septic systems)

- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (203(k) program for on-site septic systems)
- Private Foundations
- Local government
- Local land-owners, industry and other private investments

5.2 AML Reclamation Projects

5.2.1 Technical Assistance

Tasks required for project implementation and the partner agency or organization responsible for each task is outlined in Table 25.

Table 25: Tasks required for implementation of AML remediation projects

| Task | Lead Agency/ Partners |
|---|--|
| Coordinate and apply for various funding sources | UGWA, RAIL |
| Collect data at sources of metals in preparation for the design of remediation projects | WVDEP, WVU, UGWA |
| Create conceptual designs of remediation projects | OSM, WVU |
| Create detailed engineering designs of remediation projects | Consultants, NRCS |
| Perform project management, including putting projects out for bid, managing projects, and tracking their progress | UGWA, grant administrator, and all project partners |
| Monitor instream and source water quality following the installation of remediation projects in order to document their effectiveness | WVDEP, UGWA |

Both potential and current partners in project implementation, as identified in Table 25, are listed below.

- Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association
- Rural Appalachian Improvement League
- WV Department of Environmental Protection,
 - Non-Point Source Program, Watershed Assessment Program, and Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation
- US Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement
- West Virginia University, National Mine Land Reclamation Center
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Southern Conservation District
- US Environmental Protection Agency

5.2.2 Funding Sources

Several funding sources are available for nonpoint source remediation of AMLs and for water quality monitoring, including:

- WV DEP Section 319 funds
- Abandoned Mine Land Trust Fund¹²
- 10% AMD Set-Aside Fund¹³
- Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Stream Partners Program
- USEPA Brownfields Program (Chapter 6.1)
- Private Foundations
- Local government
- Local land-owners, industry and other private investments

¹² Reauthorization of the AML Trust Fund, which expired on September 30, 2004, is still not settled. At the time that this document is being written, the fund has been temporarily reauthorized through June 2006. A new OSM rule published in September 2004 also reauthorizes a much smaller per-ton tax. It is still not clear what shape a final reauthorization might take.

¹³ These funds cannot be allocated to a watershed until after a Hydrologic Unit Plan is developed and approved by OSM. A new Hydrologic Unit Plan will be needed for the Upper Guyandotte watershed.

6 Implementation Schedule, Milestones, and Measurable Goals for Wastewater Treatment Projects (f, g, h)

This chapter describes in detail the implementation plan for wastewater treatment projects. Implementation of metals remediation projects is described in Chapter 7.

6.1 Prioritization Schema

The following prioritization schema was developed in order to provide an objective method for comparing individual projects to one another, a consistent tool for ranking projects, and a guideline for developing the implementation schedule. While attaining water quality standards in impaired streams is the overarching goal of this WBP, the incorporation of local needs and priorities is vital to ensuring the long-term success of implementation efforts.

It is also important to note that the prioritization schema is intended to be flexible, incorporating new data as it becomes available, and allowing implementation of projects to occur in an opportunistic fashion.

Input from the citizens of the Upper Guyandotte watershed was therefore a key factor in prioritizing wastewater treatment projects. Input was gathered from River Survey respondents, at Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project committee meetings, at regular UGWA meetings, and through other UGWA outreach efforts (Chapter 9).

The Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association and Canaan Valley Institute also hosted a public meeting in Mullens on October 10, 2005. Attendees listed factors important to them and their communities when weighing proposed projects against each other. Many potential prioritization criteria were presented and, from among those, six were chosen as the most important. They include:

- Impact on water quality
- Construction cost
- Long-term operation and maintenance costs
- Community support
- Impact on public health
- Available funding

All 6 criteria used in project prioritization are measurable. Each project was given a numerical score for the water quality improvement, construction cost, and O/M cost criteria.

Scores for water quality improvement were based on the following ratio:

$$\frac{\text{Load reduction expected upon project implementation}}{\text{Current annual load across the subwatershed}}$$

This ratio describes the impact the removal of one community or source of pollution has on the total pollution load that subwatershed is contributing to the Guyandotte River. Communities located in subwatersheds with fewer communities overall scored highest in this category. Communities located in subwatersheds with several, large sources of pollution scored lowest.

Scores for construction cost were based on the following ratio:

$$\frac{\textit{Treatment system construction cost per household}}{\textit{Annual median household income}}$$

Scores for O/M cost were based on the following ratio:

$$\frac{\textit{Annual operation and maintenance cost}}{\textit{Annual median household income}}$$

The construction cost and O/M cost ratios describe the cost effectiveness of the project and the ability of the community to support either the initial construction cost or the long-term maintenance costs of the treatment system, respectively. These ratios can be critical in determining the likelihood that the project will be funded, especially by the IJDC and other traditional sources of infrastructure funding (Chapter 5.1.2). Communities for which onsite treatment systems were the preferred system scored highest for both of these criteria.

At the time this plan was developed, it was not possible to assign numerical scores for the remaining criteria: community support, impact on public health, and available funding. Rather, these criteria were considered threshold criteria. If a project meets the threshold for one of these three criteria, it will be given special consideration above all other projects, including those whose community score gave them a higher priority ranking. If sufficient data becomes available with which all projects can be compared against each other for any one of these three criteria, relative scores will be assigned using the same method described above.

The thresholds are defined as follows:

- Community support-- 50% or more of the community members have expressed support and/or demonstrated a willingness to pay a monthly fee for wastewater treatment
- Impact on public health-- Credible data documents an imminent or existing threat to public health (e.g. incidence of disease linked to exposure to untreated wastewater is present in the community, incidence of fecal coliform contamination of drinking water wells is present in the community)
- Available funding-- Project has a significant competitive advantage and is likely to receive funding

The raw data was normalized in order to allow a unit-less comparison of the water quality, construction cost, and O/M cost ratios.¹⁴ Adding the three scores gives the total numerical score

¹⁴ For a more detailed description of the ranking score calculations, see Appendix H, pg. 99.

for each community. Community scores were then averaged across the subwatershed to give a numerical score for each subwatershed. These subwatershed scores were then used to rank the major subwatersheds in priority order (Table 26). Individual project implementation will occur first in top priority subwatersheds. Coordinating project implementation on a subwatershed scale will allow for the achievement of significant, measurable improvements in water quality in the major tributaries of the Guyandotte River.

Table 26: Subwatersheds and communities in ranked priority order for implementation

| Subwatershed and Average Score | Community | Water Quality Improvement | Construction Cost | OM Cost | Community Score |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Devil's Fork 2.001 | Amigo | 1.000 | 0.737 | 0.614 | 2.351 |
| | Egeria | 0.199 | 0.693 | 0.760 | 1.652 |
| Pinnacle Creek 1.893 | Bob's Branch | 0.125 | 0.804 | 0.847 | 1.775 |
| | Bud Lite | 0.057 | 0.804 | 0.847 | 1.707 |
| | Herndon Heights | 0.618 | 0.774 | 0.824 | 2.216 |
| | Micajah | 0.147 | 0.804 | 0.847 | 1.798 |
| | Spider Ridge | 0.252 | 0.774 | 0.824 | 1.850 |
| Slab Fork 1.547 | Acord Mt. | 0.094 | 0.827 | 0.865 | 1.786 |
| | Hotchkiss | 0.203 | 0.702 | 0.730 | 1.635 |
| | Lower Polk Gap | 0.077 | 0.771 | 0.821 | 1.668 |
| | Maben | 0.109 | 0.572 | 0.430 | 1.111 |
| | McKinney Ridge | 0.063 | 0.827 | 0.865 | 1.755 |
| | Otsego | 0.262 | 0.528 | 0.459 | 1.250 |
| | Pierpoint | 0.282 | 0.868 | 0.347 | 1.497 |
| | Polk Gap | 0.046 | 0.737 | 0.795 | 1.579 |
| Tams Mt. | 0.015 | 0.793 | 0.838 | 1.645 | |
| Guyandotte River 1 1.533 | Cabin Creek | 0.084 | 0.719 | 0.781 | 1.584 |
| | Lower Itmann | 0.289 | 0.608 | 0.508 | 1.404 |
| | New Richmond | 0.299 | 0.577 | 0.446 | 1.323 |
| | Rt. 16 pg 1 | 0.023 | 0.768 | 0.819 | 1.610 |
| | Rt. 16 pg 6 | 0.006 | 0.783 | 0.831 | 1.619 |
| | Saulsville | 0.263 | 0.733 | 0.791 | 1.788 |
| | Still Run | 0.006 | 0.783 | 0.831 | 1.619 |
| | Upper Itmann | 0.147 | 0.579 | 0.506 | 1.232 |
| Upper Polk Gap | 0.009 | 0.783 | 0.831 | 1.623 | |
| Barker's Creek 1.491 | Alpoca | 0.194 | 0.735 | 0.671 | 1.601 |
| | Basin | 0.033 | 0.736 | 0.793 | 1.562 |
| | Basin Ridge 2 | 0.055 | 0.725 | 0.785 | 1.566 |
| | Basin Ridge 1 | 0.147 | 0.743 | 0.799 | 1.690 |
| | Basin Road | 0.024 | 0.697 | 0.763 | 1.484 |
| | Bud | 0.181 | 0.664 | 0.578 | 1.423 |
| | Bud Mountain | 0.041 | 0.804 | 0.847 | 1.692 |
| | Covel | 0.107 | 0.542 | 0.398 | 1.047 |
| | Garwood | 0.059 | 0.557 | 0.338 | 0.953 |
| | Herndon | 0.048 | 0.726 | 0.482 | 1.256 |
| | Herndon II | 0.048 | 0.742 | 0.799 | 1.589 |
| | Lusk Community | 0.026 | 0.697 | 0.763 | 1.486 |
| | Lusk Settlement | 0.020 | 0.702 | 0.767 | 1.490 |
| | Montecarlo | 0.008 | 0.783 | 0.830 | 1.621 |
| | Peak Creek | 0.050 | 0.739 | 0.796 | 1.585 |
| Tracy's Mountain | 0.099 | 0.749 | 0.804 | 1.651 | |
| Tralee | 0.008 | 0.804 | 0.847 | 1.659 | |

| Subwatershed and Average Score | Community | Water Quality Improvement | Construction Cost | OM Cost | Community Score |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Guyandotte River 2 1.269 | Allen Junction | 0.119 | 0.454 | 0.504 | 1.077 |
| | Beechwood | 0.100 | 0.626 | 0.799 | 1.525 |
| | Blackeagle | 0.068 | 0.317 | 0.575 | 0.960 |
| | Corinne | 0.159 | 0.816 | 0.606 | 1.581 |
| | Corinne Bottom | 0.200 | 0.772 | 0.535 | 1.508 |
| | Iroquois | 0.092 | 0.794 | 0.484 | 1.371 |
| | Sand Gap | 0.086 | 0.702 | 0.767 | 1.555 |
| | Stephenson Bottom | 0.097 | 0.837 | 0.196 | 1.130 |
| Stonecoal Creek 1.181 | Stephenson Hill | 0.057 | 0.605 | 0.339 | 1.001 |
| | Wyco | 0.169 | 0.481 | 0.335 | 0.985 |
| | Besoco | 0.072 | 0.000 | 0.373 | 0.446 |
| | Eastgulf | 0.106 | 0.756 | 0.250 | 1.113 |
| | Josephine | 0.171 | 0.659 | 0.733 | 1.563 |
| | Kilarney | 0.006 | 0.653 | 0.729 | 1.388 |
| | Lego | 0.065 | 0.478 | 0.333 | 0.876 |
| | Mead | 0.077 | 0.484 | 0.872 | 1.433 |
| Winding Gulf 1.178 | Mead II | 0.026 | 0.666 | 0.739 | 1.430 |
| | Odd | 0.058 | 0.690 | 0.757 | 1.505 |
| | Pickshin | 0.036 | 0.797 | 0.000 | 0.833 |
| | Rhodell | 0.518 | 0.486 | 0.222 | 1.225 |
| | Helen | 0.764 | 0.264 | 0.205 | 1.234 |
| | McAlpin | 0.032 | 0.658 | 0.733 | 1.423 |
| | Stotesbury | 0.210 | 0.805 | 0.038 | 1.053 |
| | Ury | 0.116 | 0.812 | 0.073 | 1.001 |

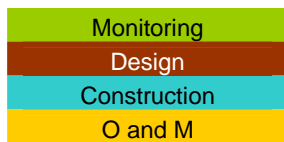
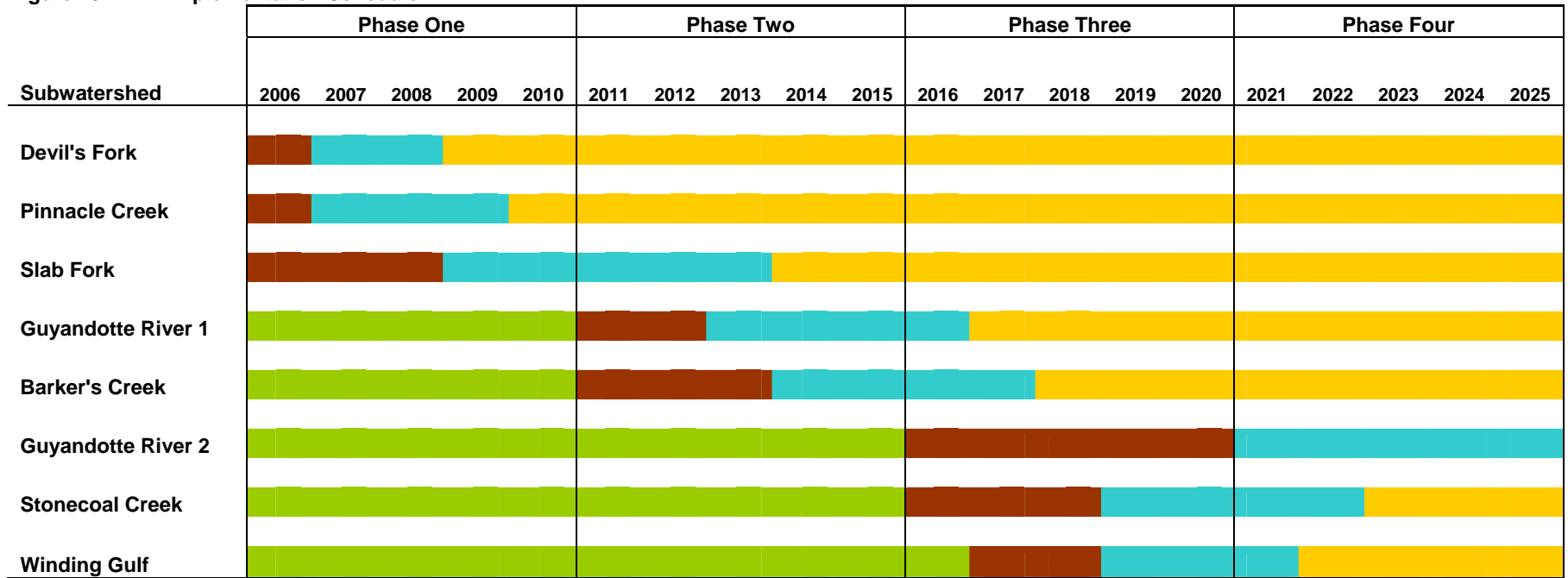
6.2 Implementation Schedule

Project implementation will occur in four phases: monitoring, design, construction, and operation and maintenance. Top priority projects will enter the design phase upon approval of this Watershed Based Plan. During the design phase a qualified engineering firm will be selected to prepare detailed engineering reports. The engineering reports will be used to solicit construction funds. When the funding package is complete, the project will enter the construction phase. Upon completion of project construction, the Responsible Management Entity will take over long-term operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment system. Lower priority projects will remain in the monitoring phase (Chapter 8) until top priority projects have entered the construction phase and resources are available for additional projects to enter the design phase.

Whenever applicable, efforts to assist homeowners obtain individual onsite wastewater treatment systems will occur concurrently with design and construction of community wastewater treatment systems in priority subwatersheds.

Figure 19 gives an approximate implementation schedule by subwatershed. This implementation schedule represents an ideal, though realistic, scenario. All progress made towards achieving milestones is contingent on available funding.

Figure 19: WBP Implementation Schedule



6.3 Measurable Milestones

The number of: preliminary engineering reports and detailed design plans completed, projects funded for construction, wastewater treatment systems constructed, and homes being served will serve as interim milestones to measure the progress of implementation across subwatersheds.

6.3.1 Phase 1: 2006 through 2010

Devil's Fork¹⁵

- Create preliminary engineering report and detailed design plan for Amigo
- Formalize Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RME
- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in Egeria and Amigo
- Secure funding and construct wastewater treatment system for Amigo
- Install individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in Egeria and Amigo

Pinnacle Creek

- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in all 5 Pinnacle Creek communities
- Install individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in all 5 Pinnacle Creek communities

Slab Fork

- Create preliminary engineering reports and detailed design plans for Hotchkiss, Otsego, Maben, and Pierpoint
- Formalize MOU with RME
- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in 6 remaining Slab Fork communities
- Begin installation of individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in 6 remaining Slab Fork communities
- Secure funding and begin construction of community systems for Hotchkiss, Otsego, Maben, and/or Pierpoint

6.3.2 Phase 2: 2011 through 2015

Slab Fork

- Secure funding and complete construction of all remaining community systems
- Complete installation of individual onsite wastewater treatment systems

Guyandotte River 1

- Create preliminary engineering reports and detailed design plans for Upper and Lower Itmann and New Richmond
- Formalize MOU with RME

¹⁵ Immediately prior to the submission of this WBP, a proposal for Section 319 funding to implement proposed projects in the Devil's Fork subwatershed was prepared and submitted.

- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in 6 remaining Guyandotte River 1 communities
- Install individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in 6 remaining Guyandotte River 1 communities
- Secure funding and begin construction of community systems for Upper and Lower Itmann and/or New Richmond

Barker's Creek

- Create preliminary engineering reports and detailed design plans for Alpoca, Garwood, Herndon, Bud, and Covell
- Formalize MOU with RME
- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in 12 remaining Barker's Creek communities
- Begin installation of individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in 12 remaining Barker's Creek communities
- Secure funding and begin construction of community systems for Alpoca, Garwood, Herndon, Bud, and Covell

6.3.3 Phase 3: 2016 through 2020

Guyandotte River 1

- Secure funding and complete construction of all remaining community systems

Barker's Creek

- Secure funding and complete construction of all remaining community systems
- Complete installation of individual onsite wastewater treatment systems

Guyandotte River 2

- Create preliminary engineering reports and detailed design plans for Allen Junction, Beechwood, Iroquois, Stephenson, Wyco, Blackeagle, and Corrine
- Formalize MOU with RME
- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in Sand Gap
- Install individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in Sand Gap

Stonecoal Creek

- Create preliminary engineering reports and detailed design plans for Besoco, Eastgulf, Mead, Lego, Rhodell, and Pickshin
- Formalize MOU with RME
- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in 4 remaining Stonecoal Creek communities
- Begin installation of individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in 4 remaining Stonecoal Creek communities

- Secure funding and begin construction of community systems for Besoco, Eastgulf, Mead, Lego, Rhodell, and/or Pickshin

Winding Gulf

- Create preliminary engineering reports and detailed design plans for Helen, Stotesbury, and Ury
- Formalize MOU with RME
- Complete site by site evaluation of existing septic systems in McAlpin
- Install individual onsite wastewater treatment systems in McAlpin
- Secure funding and begin construction of community systems for Helen, Stotesbury, and Ury

6.3.4 Phase 4: 2020 through 2025

Guyandotte River 2

- Secure funding and begin construction of community systems for Allen Junction, Beechwood, Iroquois, Stephenson, Wyco, Blackeagle, and Corrine

Stonecoal Creek

- Secure funding and complete construction of all remaining community systems
- Complete installation of individual onsite wastewater treatment systems

Winding Gulf

- Secure funding and complete construction of all remaining community systems

6.4 Water Quality Goals

6.4.1 Phase 1: 2006 through 2010

- At the end of Phase One, annual fecal coliform loading to the Upper Guyandotte watershed will be reduced by at least 7%.
- Instream water quality monitoring across the Devil's Fork and Pinnacle Creek watersheds will show that all streams are meeting water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria. Macroinvertebrate monitoring will also show an improvement in habitat quality.

6.4.2 Phase 2: 2011 through 2015

- At the end of Phase Two, annual fecal coliform loading to the Upper Guyandotte watershed will have decreased by at least an additional 13%.
- Instream water quality monitoring across the Slab Fork watershed will show that all streams are meeting water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria. Macroinvertebrate monitoring will also show an improvement in habitat quality.

6.4.3 Phase 3: 2016 through 2020

- At the end of Phase Three, annual fecal coliform loading to the Upper Guyandotte watershed will have decreased by at least an additional 36%.
- Instream water quality monitoring across the Guyandotte River 1 and Barker's Creek watersheds will show that all streams are meeting water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria. Macroinvertebrate monitoring will also show an improvement in habitat quality.

6.4.4 Phase 4: 2021 through 2025

- At the end of Phase Four, annual fecal coliform loading to the Upper Guyandotte watershed will have decreased by at least an additional 37%.
- Instream water quality monitoring across the Stonecoal Creek, Winding Gulf, and Guyandotte River 2 watersheds will show that all streams are meeting water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria. Macroinvertebrate monitoring will also show an improvement in habitat quality.

6.5 Progress Evaluation

The Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project committee will annually evaluate timeliness and efficacy of implementation efforts. The committee will consider new information, wastewater treatment technologies previously unavailable or not considered, new water quality data, keys to implementation successes, reasons for short falls, and the overall applicability of implementation efforts in the local context. Based on their review, the committee will recommend amending the implementation schedule, measurable goals, and/or any other portion of this Watershed Based Plan.

Water quality monitoring data (Chapter 8) will be used to assess whether load reductions are being achieved and progress is being made towards attaining water quality standards. If the load reductions are not sufficient to achieve water quality standards as outlined in Chapter 6.4, the committee will recommend revisions of the Guyandotte River TMDL.

Water quality monitoring data will also be used to further assess the relative source contributions of fecal coliform bacteria and the accuracy of load reduction estimates presented in this WBP. If necessary, and upon collection of sufficient water quality data, more sophisticated modeling techniques will be employed in revising this plan.

The TMDL does not accurately document the endemic problems stemming from untreated wastewater in the tributaries of the Upper Guyandotte watershed. Its use of models that rely on regional-scale data and assumptions yields an assessment of impairment that is incomplete. Stream sampling by the WV DEP Watershed Assessment Program has documented violations of water quality standards in several tributaries due to the presence of fecal coliform bacteria (Table 27). However, the fecal coliform TMDL was developed to only address impairment in the

Guyandotte mainstem. The TMDL does not address fecal coliform bacteria impairment in the tributaries. In fact, “source contributions from the upstream tributaries in the Guyandotte River watershed were reduced to meet the TMDL endpoint in the Guyandotte River mainstem only.” As part of its methodology the TMDL notes that “tributaries to the Guyandotte River mainstem are not known to be impaired for fecal coliform bacteria. Future monitoring in the Guyandotte River watershed may reveal fecal coliform impairments which would then be listed on the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. Subsequent TMDL development would follow West Virginia’s Watershed Management Framework process,” (USEPA, 2002, pg. 5-12). It is important to understand that tributaries in the Upper Guyandotte may not be listed as “impaired” simply owing to a lack of data collection and appropriate documentation. Given the character of the stream system and the prevalence of homes without a documented means of sewage treatment it is very likely that many tributaries would qualify as “impaired” if appropriate steps were taken to document the condition.

Data collected through the watershed survey (Chapter 2.2) as well as future stream sampling will help to better characterize the prevalence of fecal coliform bacteria in both the mainstem of the Guyandotte and its tributaries. UGWA will work with WVDEP to list impaired streams on the 303(d) list whenever applicable.

Figure 4-2 in the TMDL (USEPA, 2002, pg. 4-14) illustrates an erroneous conclusion reached through the use of census tract data that is too coarse to support this level of modeling. Census tracts are the third largest unit used to report census statistics. No boundaries employed by the U.S. Census Bureau strictly conform to watershed boundaries. The figure shows the Winding Gulf Watershed as containing between 1,182 and 1,575 homes. In fact, the watershed survey recorded only 123 homes in the Winding Gulf watershed (Table 11, pg. 25). During TMDL development, the census tract population data were apportioned, by area, across several watersheds. The tract used to determine population in Winding Gulf probably includes densely populated areas in the greater Beckley, WV region, outside of the Upper Guyandotte River Watershed boundary.

This census tract data was also used to determine the number of homes with and without sewer service. Assumptions concerning the prevalence of septic systems and untreated discharges were used to account for the unsewered homes. Based on the UGWA survey of permitted septic systems, these assumptions in TMDL Chapter 4.3.4 do not accurately represent conditions and, in fact, they tend to underestimate the number of homes which lack either sewer or a permitted septic system. The TMDL assumes that 75% of the unsewered homes have septic systems while 25% discharge untreated sewage directly to a stream. According to the UGWA survey, the proportion of unsewered homes with permitted septic systems is 12%. Thus, the remaining 88% of unsewered homes either discharge untreated wastewater directly to the stream or through an unpermitted septic system.

Table 27: Water quality data showing fecal coliform levels exceeding standards

| Stream Name | Stream Code | TMDL SWS | Sample Date | Mile Point | Fecal coliform cfu/100mL | Site Description |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Guyandotte River | OG-up | | Aug-05 | 155.3 | 1,000 | |
| Beartown Fork | OG-124-N | 2811 | 9/5/2000 | 3.7 | 640 | Southwest of Mullens |
| Marsh Fork | OG-127-D | | 9/7/2000 | 2 | 480 | Near Saulsville |
| Barkers Creek | OG-131 | 3300 | 9/6/2000 | 0.6 | 4,400 | In Tralee |
| Mill Branch | OG-131-C | 3302 | 9/6/2000 | 0 | 2,071 | At Bud |
| Gooney Otter Creek | OG-131-F | 3304 | 9/5/2000 | 0 | 1,589 | Northwest of Herndon |
| Gooney Otter Creek | OG-131-F | 3304 | 5/4/2004 | 0.3 | 530 | Northwest of Herndon |
| Jims Branch | OG-131-F-1 | 3304 | 9/5/2000 | 0 | 1,000 | In Herndon |
| Slab Fork | OG-134 | 3400 | 9/5/2000 | 0.3 | 1,400 | In Mullens |
| Slab Fork | OG-134 | | Aug-05 | 9.9 | 7,600 | |
| Marsh Fork | OG-134-C | 3403 | 9/5/2000 | 1 | 480 | East of Twin Falls State Park |
| Big Branch | OG-136 | | 9/6/2000 | 0 | 1,060 | 4 mi. east of Mullens |
| Devils Fork | OG-137 | 3600 | 9/7/2000 | 0 | 820 | In Amigo |
| Mullens Branch | OG-138-E | 3701 | 9/11/2000 | 0 | 4,400 | At Stotesbury |
| Winding Gulf | OG-138-E | 3701 | 9/6/2000 | 0.7 | 1,060 | Just north of Amigo |
| Winding Gulf | OG-138-E | | Aug-05 | 2 | 7,200 | |
| Stonecoal Creek | OG-139 | 3703 | 9/11/2000 | 3.1 | 91,000 | West of Eastgulf and Killarney |
| Stonecoal Creek | OG-139 | 3702 | 9/6/2000 | 0 | 490 | Just north of Amigo |
| Stonecoal Creek | OG-139 | | Aug-05 | 3.1 | 1,650 | |
| Tommy Creek | OG-139-A | 3707 | 9/7/2000 | 0 | 2,200 | At Rhodell |
| Tommy Creek | OG-139-A | | Aug-05 | 6.2 | 7,600 | |

Source: WV DEP (Various dates).

7 Implementation Schedule, Milestones, and Measurable Goals for AML Projects (f, g, h)

This chapter describes in detail the implementation plan for metals remediation projects. Implementation of wastewater treatment projects is described in Chapter 6.

7.1 Prioritization Schema

Based on input from UGWA members and River Survey respondents, it has been determined that addressing fecal coliform pollution is more important in the local context than addressing nonpoint metals pollution. In fact, 88% of survey respondents cite pollution due to “raw sewage” as a water quality issue they are concerned about; only 46% responded similarly about “old, unreclaimed mine sites”. Therefore, whenever funding or personnel resources limit the number of nonpoint source management measures that can be implemented, wastewater treatment projects will be prioritized over AML remediation.

Implementation of metals remediation projects will also begin in priority subwatersheds as established by the prioritization schema described in Chapter 6.1. This coordinated approach allows streams to attain water quality standards for several nonpoint pollutants and demonstrates a more significant improvement in water quality.

Properties targeted for Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment will also be prioritized in the implementation of metals remediation projects identified in this WBP. In December 2005, the Wyoming County Economic Development Authority applied for a USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for mine scarred lands in the Wyoming County portion of the Upper Guyandotte watershed. The Brownfields grant program is designed to identify, assess, clean up, and reuse abandoned properties contaminated by previous industrial use. If approved, this grant will provide \$200,000 to conduct assessment work on mine scarred lands. The money will fund inventory, data collection regarding land use history and screening of potential sites to target 10 sites for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs). Phase I ESAs, including some on-site reconnaissance, will be completed for five of the targeted properties. Phase II ESAs, including extensive soil and groundwater sampling, will be completed on three properties with Recognized Environmental Conditions identified during the Phase I assessment process. Sites will be prioritized based on potential for contamination, health and environmental impacts of cleanup, redevelopment potential, and other locally identified criteria. Thus, working through the Brownfields program will address both economic and environmental revitalization of the watershed.

7.2 Implementation Schedule

Project implementation will occur in four phases: monitoring, design, construction, and post-construction, and includes tasks as outlined in Table 25.

Before specific sites can be targeted for remediation, additional water quality monitoring will need to take place. Discrepancies between known impairments and an incomplete catalogue of sources of pollution will need to be resolved. In addition, more data is needed for several known AMLs in order to estimate load reductions and costs.

When a more thorough assessment has been completed, sources of pollution will be selected for remediation. Within priority subwatersheds, implementation will occur starting at the headwaters and working downstream. During the design phase a qualified engineering firm will be selected to prepare detailed engineering reports. The engineering reports will be used to solicit construction funds. When the funding package is complete, the project will enter the construction phase.

Upon completion of project construction, AML sites will be monitored for long-term operation and maintenance needs and/or additional remediation work required.

All progress made towards achieving milestones is contingent on available funding.

7.3 Measurable Milestones

The number of: conceptual designs and detailed design plans completed, projects funded for construction, remediation projects constructed, and number of acres of AMLs remediated will serve as interim milestones to measure the progress of implementation across subwatersheds.

7.3.1 Phase 1: 2006 through 2010

Devil's Fork

- Complete assessment of nonpoint sources of metals pollution
- Complete conceptual and detailed design of sites selected for remediation
- Secure funding and begin construction of at least one remediation project

Pinnacle Creek

- Begin assessment of nonpoint sources of metals pollution

7.3.2 Phases 2 through 4

Measurable milestones for future phases of implementation will be determined at the outset of each phase and will be based on the progress made toward achieving milestones described in Chapters 6.3 and 7.3.1.

7.4 Water Quality Goals

Because the construction of no remediation projects will have been completed by the end of Phase 1, no measurable water quality goals are established for Phase 1. Measurable water quality goals for future phases of implementation will be determined at the outset of each phase and will be based on the progress made toward achieving milestones described in Chapters 6.3 and 7.3.1.

8 Monitoring (i)

UGWA will coordinate local efforts to establish the necessary monitoring regime and will work with project partners to develop a Study Design, including an approved Quality Assurance and Quality Control plan, prior to commencement of the monitoring program.

Baseline, instream monitoring will provide the data necessary to further quantify sources of pollution and to determine whether water quality is improving and streams are attaining water quality standards. Targeted monitoring of specific sources of pollution will provide the data necessary to design treatment systems, determine the efficacy of installed systems, and evaluate whether load reductions are being achieved.

Monitoring will focus first on priority subwatersheds slated for implementation and will be conducted both before and after project installation. As funding permits, the extent and frequency of monitoring efforts will increase and further baseline data may be concurrently collected in lower-priority subwatersheds.

In addition, the WVDEP WAP program will continue their regularly scheduled monitoring regime, as determined by the Watershed Management Framework. The WAP team is next scheduled to sample in the Upper Guyandotte in the summer of 2010.

The Responsible Management Entity will be responsible for ensuring that monitoring requirements, as outlined in any required permits, are being met (Chapter 3.1.4).

9 Education and Outreach (e)

Most education and outreach will be performed by the Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association. Information about nonpoint source remediation projects will be incorporated into all aspects of the outreach program. UGWA currently conducts the following outreach activities:

- The UGWA newsletter, *Headwater Headlines*, is distributed to members and supporters three times a year and includes information about UGWA projects and activities.
- Every spring, UGWA volunteers staff a booth at the Dogwood Festival in Mullens. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with watershed residents, solicit feedback and determine local priorities, and distribute information about both pollution problems and the cleanup efforts underway in the Upper Guyandotte.
- UGWA maintains a website, www.ugwawv.org, which also contains information about pollution problems and cleanup efforts.
- Written River Surveys are used to gauge awareness of water pollution issues, concerns of local residents related to water quality issues, and willingness to pay user-fees for wastewater treatment. Survey responses are solicited in person during public meetings, other community events, and from patrons of local businesses.
- Frequent and positive coverage is given to UGWA project and events in local newspapers including the *Mullens Advocate*, the *Pineville Independent Herald*, and the *Wyoming County Report* (of the *Beckley Register-Herald*).
- The Upper Guyandotte Wastewater Project Committee and UGWA each hold regular monthly meetings that are open to the public. Meetings dates are announced in the newsletter, on the website, and in the local paper.

UGWA will continue these activities throughout the implementation of the Watershed Based Plan. Additional education and outreach activities such as public meetings, issue-specific brochures or flyers, and youth education programs will be implemented or developed as needed. Other partner organizations may also assist UGWA with outreach efforts as needed.

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Appendix A. All Abandoned mine lands in the Upper Guyandotte watershed

Many AMLs do not discharge polluted water. Table 7 in Chapter 2.3.1 lists those AMLs known to be sources of metals. Table 28 lists the sites in Table 7 plus all other sites that have been inventoried by WVDEP. Although the PADs and other information available at OAMLR office suggest that many of these sites do not discharge metals, they are included in this plan in case new data show otherwise.

Table 28: All abandoned mine lands in the Upper Guyandotte watershed

| Problem area no. | Problem area name | Stream code (TMDL subwatershed) | Stream name |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 93 | Amigo Abandoned Structures | OG-137 (3600) | Devil's Fork |
| 95 | Herndon Burning Refuse | OG-131-F (3304) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 96 | Helen Vertical Shaft | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 182 | Glen Rogers Complex | OG-134-B (3401) | Cedar Creek |
| 472 | Bennett Open Portal | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 473 | Helen Refuse Pile | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 529 | Itmann Refuse Pile | OG (1120) | Guyandotte River |
| 630 | Beartown Church Refuse Pile | OG-124 (2812) | Pinnacle Creek |
| 631 | Beartown Fork Refuse Pile | OG-124-N (2811) | Beartown Fork |
| 633 | Clark Gap Refuse Pile | OG-131-F (3310) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 634 | Covel Refuse Pile | OG-131-F (3309) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 637 | Gooney Otter Creek Refuse | OG-131-F (3309) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 640 | Indian Ridge Refuse | OG-124 (2813) | Pinnacle Creek |
| 646 | Micajah Refuse Pile | OG-124-N (2811) | Beartown Fork |
| 647 | Milam Ridge Refuse Pile | OG-131-F (3309) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 650 | Pilot Knob Refuse Pile | OG-131-F (3309) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 651 | Pinnacle Creek #2 Refuse Pile | OG-124 (2813) | Pinnacle Creek |
| 652 | Pinnacle Creek Refuse Pile | OG-124 (2812) | Pinnacle Creek |
| 924 | Hickory Branch Mine Dump | OG-131-B (3301) | Hickory Branch |
| 925 | Otsego Refuse Pile | OG-134 (3402) | Slab Fork |
| 926 | Alpoca Mine Dump | OG-131 (3302) | Barker's Creek |
| 927 | Big Hollow Mine Dump | OG-131 (3300) | Barker's Creek |
| 929 | Mill Branch Refuse Pile | OG-131 (3302) | Barker's Creek |
| 930 | Tralee Mine Dump | OG-131 (3300) | Barker's Creek |
| 932 | Pierpont Refuse Pile | OG-134 (3402) | Slab Fork |
| 996 | Hotcoal Mine Dump | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 999 | Paul Kizer Site 31 Pineyland Co. | OG-139 (3706) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 1021 | McAlpin Eroding Dump | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 1727 | Helen "B" Refuse Pile | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 1898 | Allen Creek Complex | OG-135 (3500) | Allen Creek |
| 1899 | Allen Junction Complex | OG (1124) | Guyandotte River |
| 1900 | Pocahontas Land Co. Black Eagle | OG-139 (3706) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 1901 | Blackeagle #2 Refuse | OG (1123) | Guyandotte River |
| 1902 | Noseman Branch Refuse Piles | OG-131-F-2 (3307) | Noseman Branch |
| 1903 | Montecarlo Complex | OG-131-F (3304) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 1904 | Iroquois Refuse Pile | OG (1124) | Guyandotte River |
| 1905 | Jim's Branch Refuse Piles | OG-131-F-1 (3305) | Jims Branch |
| 1907 | Rhodell Refuse Piles & Portal | OG-139 (3707) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 1908 | Madeline Refuse Pile | OG-137 (3602) | Devil's Fork |
| 1909 | Amigo Refuse Pile | OG-137 (3600) | Devil's Fork |
| 1913 | Odd "Moore" Refuse Pile | OG-139-A (3707) | Tommy Creek |
| 2297 | Horsepen Ridge Refuse Pile | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 2298 | Killarney Mine Dump | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 2299 | Slab Fork Mine Dump | OG-134 (3406) | Slab Fork |
| 2301 | Berry Branch Refuse Pile | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |

| Problem area no. | Problem area name | Stream code (TMDL subwatershed) | Stream name |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 2302 | Berry Branch "B" Refuse Pile | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 2303 | East Gulf Refuse Piles | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 2304 | Richardson Branch Complex | OG-134 (3406) | Slab Fork |
| 2305 | Bailey Branch Complex | OG-138-C (3701) | Bailey Branch |
| 2307 | Alderson Branch Refuse Pile | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 2308 | Ury Structures | OG-139 (3701) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 2309 | Big Stick Mine Dump | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 2311 | Riffe Mine Dumps and Complex | OG-139-B (3704) | Riffe Branch |
| 2312 | Riffe Branch Impoundments | OG-139-B (3704) | Riffe Branch |
| 2354 | Stonecoal Junction Portals | OG-139 (3702) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 2356 | Pines Creek Portals | OG-139-D (3706) | Pines Creek |
| 2504 | Rhodell Portals | OG-139 (3702) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 2580 | Slab Fork Impoundments | OG-134 (3406) | Slab Fork |
| 2749 | Winding Gulf Deep Mine | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 2908 | Allen Junction Highwall | OG-135 (3500) | Allen Creek |
| 2909 | Barkers Ridge Highwall | OG-131 (3303) | Barker's Creek |
| 2911 | Noseman Branch Tipple | OG-131-F-2 (3307) | Noseman Branch |
| 2912 | Noseman Branch Highwall | OG-131-F-2 (3307) | Noseman Branch |
| 3214 | Helen Highwall #1 | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 3227 | Farley Branch #1 Highwall | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 3230 | Helen Highwall #2 | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 3428 | Barkers Ridge Highwall | OG-128 (3000) | Joe Branch |
| 3429 | Joe Branch Highwall | OG-128 (3000) | Joe Branch |
| 3430 | Tailing Pond Highwall | OG-128 (3000) | Joe Branch |
| 3431 | Micajah Ridge Highwall | OG-128 (3000) | Joe Branch |
| 3432 | Itmann Mine Highwall | OG-129 (3100) | Long Branch |
| 3433 | Long Branch Highwall | OG-129 (3100) | Long Branch |
| 3434 | Workman Branch Highwalls | OG-130 (3200) | Still Run |
| 3435 | Cabin Creek Ridge Highwall | OG-130 (3200) | Still Run |
| 3436 | Still Run Highwall | OG-130 (3200) | Still Run |
| 3437 | Bearwallow Ridge Highwall | OG-130 (3200) | Still Run |
| 3438 | Itmann Highwall | OG (1120) | Guyandotte River |
| 3451 | Hotchkiss "A" Highwall | OG-134 (3406) | Slab Fork |
| 3452 | Hotchkiss Highwall | OG-134 (3406) | Slab Fork |
| 3586 | Slab Fork Highwall | OG-134 (3402) | Slab Fork |
| 3587 | Otsego Highwall | OG-134 (3402) | Slab Fork |
| 4109 | Madeline (Johnson) Refuse Pile | OG-137 (3600) | Devil's Fork |
| 4140 | Wyco Hollow (Yon) Refuse Fire | OG-135 (3500) | Allen Creek |
| 4161 | Pines Creek Portals | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 4163 | Site #16 Adventure Resources, Inc. | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 4165 | Stephenson - Amigo Smokeless | OG-136 (1125) | Big Branch |
| 4171 | Site #22 Adventure Resources, Inc. | OG-139 (3706) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 4173 | Suite #21 Adventure Resources, Inc. | OG-139 (3706) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 4174 | Stephenson-Pocahontas Land | OG-136 (1125) | Big Branch |
| 4296 | Helen (Lewis) Refuse | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 4487 | Amigo "Reed" Clogged Stream | OG-137 (3600) | Devil's Fork |
| 4614 | Iroquois "Allen" Portals | OG (1124) | Guyandotte River |
| 4662 | Wyco (Pugh) Refuse Pond | OG-135 (3500) | Allen Creek |
| 4695 | Odd (Airy) Refuse | OG-139-A (3707) | Tommy Creek |
| 4797 | Stephenson "Conley" Burning Refuse | OG (1126) | Guyandotte River |
| 4809 | Stonecoal Creek Complex | OG-139 (3706) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 4811 | Blackeagle Refuse Pile | OG (1123) | Guyandotte River |
| 4890 | Helen "Cadle" Open Portal (E) | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 4968 | Pinnacle Mining Corp. | OG-124 (2813) | Pinnacle Creek |
| 4995 | Amigo (Blanchard) Burning Refuse | OG-137 (3600) | Devil's Fork |
| 5023 | Stephenson (Mills) Subsidence | OG-131 (3303) | Barker's Creek |
| 5031 | Bud Portal | OG-131 (3302) | Barker's Creek |
| 5097 | Mullins (Lester) Landslide | OG (1122) | Guyandotte River |
| 5106 | Riffe Branch (Smith) Clogged Stream | OG-139-B (3704) | Riffe Branch |
| 5399 | Barker's Creek Subsidence | OG-131 (3303) | Barker's Creek |

| Problem area no. | Problem area name | Stream code (TMDL subwatershed) | Stream name |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 5432 | Herndon (Jewell) Burning Refuse | OG-131-F (3305) | Gooney Otter Creek |
| 5438 | Odd (Webb) Highwall | OG-139-D (3706) | Pines Creek |
| 5471 | Clark Gap 'A' Highwall | OG-124 (2813) | Pinnacle Creek |
| 5537 | Road Branch (Marshall) Portals | OG-124 (2812) | Pinnacle Creek |
| 5594 | Stephenson (Bowling) Drainage | OG-136 (1125) | Big Branch |
| 5640 | Stonecoal Junction Refuse | OG-139 (3702) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 5654 | Berry Branch Drainage | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 5655 | Helen Portals | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 5687 | Mullens (Grogg) Refuse | OG (1122) | Guyandotte River |
| 5688 | Helen Landslide | OG-138 (3701) | Winding Gulf |
| 5689 | Mullens (Musser) Landslide | OG (1122) | Guyandotte River |
| 5690 | Mullen (Dixon) Landslide | OG (1122) | Guyandotte River |
| 5695 | Terry Branch Portals and Refuse | OG-134 (3400) | Slab Fork |
| 5696 | Mullens Portals | OG (1122) | Guyandotte River |
| 5743 | Devil's Fork (Reed) Burning Refuse | OG-137 (3600) | Devil's Fork |
| 5751 | Amigo Smokeless Impoundment | OG-131 (3300) | Barker's Creek |
| 5776 | Wyco (Shrewsbury) Portals | OG-135 (3500) | Allen Creek |
| 5823 | Mullens Portals & Refuse | OG (1122) | Guyandotte River |
| 5884 | Josephine (Doss) Portals | OG-139 (3706) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 5889 | Farley Branch Coal Refuse Area A | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 5890 | Farley Branch Coal Refuse Area B | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 5891 | Farley Branch Coal Refuse Area C | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 5892 | Stonecoal Creek Refuse Pile Area K | OG-139 (3705) | Stonecoal Creek |
| 5893 | Stonecoal Creek Refuse Pile WPP#2 | OG-139-A (3707) | Tommy Creek |

Source: WVDEP (Various dates).

Appendix B: Active mining operations in the Upper Guyandotte watershed

Table 29: Active mining operations in the Upper Guyandotte watershed

| Mining Company | Permit | Facility Name | Stream code | Subwatershed number |
|---|---------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| NA | S008685 | NA | OG-137-B-1 | 3603 |
| NA | S400100 | NA | OG-130 | 3200 |
| NA | S400199 | NA | OG-124-J, OG-124-L | 2809, 2810 |
| NA | S400999 | NA | OG-124, OG-124-P | 2812 |
| NA | S402199 | NA | OG-134-E, OG-134-F, OG-134-G | 3406 |
| NA | u400999 | NA | OG-124, OG-124-P | 2812 |
| Bluestone Coal Corporation | h041400 | NA | OG-124-J-1, OG-124-J | 2809 |
| " | o007383 | NA | OG-124-J, OG-124-L, OG-124-M, OG-124-O | 2809, 2810 |
| " | s402188 | NA | OG-124-O, OG-124-P | 2812 |
| " | u005284 | NA | OG-124, OG-124-J, OG-124-J-1, OG-124-O | 2808, 2809, 2812 |
| " | u007183 | #10 Mine | OG-124-N | 2811 |
| Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC | u400498 | Still Run Mine No. 7 | OG-130, OG-130-B | 3200 |
| Consolidation Coal Company | o001185 | Itmann Prep Plant | OG, OG-128, OG-129 | 3000, 1120, 1121 |
| " | u001184 | NA | OG-131-I | 3303 |
| " | u001584 | Itmann No. 1 Mine | OG, OG-129, OG-131 | 3300, 1121 |
| " | u001684 | NA | OG, OG-130, OG-130-A | 3200 |
| " | u001784 | NA | OG, OG-125, OG-127 | 1119, 1117, 2906 |
| " | u003585 | NA | OG-131-I | 3303 |
| Frontier Management, LLC. | u016283 | Preparation Plant/Refuse Area | OG-139, OG-139-A | 3707, 3705 |
| Glow Worm Coal Company | U401587 | NA | OG-124-L | 2810 |
| Herndon Processing Company, LLC | o005983 | NA | OG-131-F | 3304 |
| " | o007882 | NA | OG-131-F, OG-131 | 3304, 3303 |
| " | o401991 | Covel No.1 Refuse Reprocessing | OG-131-F | 3310 |
| " | u002183 | Mine No. 1 | OG-124-I, OG-124-N, OG-131-F, OG-131-F-2, OG-131 | 2807, 2811, 3304, 3307, 3302 |
| " | u040500 | NA | OG-131-F-2 | 3307 |
| " | u400292 | Herndon No.1 Deep Mine | OG-131-F-2 | 3307 |
| " | u400992 | Noseman Branch No. 1 Deep Mine | OG-131-F-2 | 3307 |
| " | u400995 | Bennett Mine | OG-131-F-2 | 3307 |
| " | u401095 | Covel Mine | OG-131-F-2 | 3307 |
| " | u401397 | Poca 6 Mine No. 1 | OG-131-F-2 | 3307 |
| Honaker Leasing, Inc. | u401687 | No. 31 | OG-131-J, OG-131-L | 2809, 2810 |
| Justice Highwall Mining, Inc. | S400899 | Pinnacle Ridge Surface Mine | OG-124, OG-124-P | 2812 |
| Lodestar Energy, Inc. | r000584 | Otsego Refuse Area | OG-134 | 3402 |
| Mining Technologies, Inc. | s300998 | Tams No. 1 Surface Mine | OG-138-A, OG-138 | 3701 |
| " | s400399 | Payne Branch Surface Mine | OG-124-J-1 | 2809, 2808 |
| Mountain Edge Mining Inc. | S402586 | Sewell Strip No. 1 | OG-124-E-1, OG-124-E, OG-124-H, OG-124-J-1 | 2803, 2805, 2808, 2809 |
| Navco, INC | s304588 | NA | OG-131-C | 3302 |
| New South Resources Co. DBA Black Hawk Mining | u002483 | Mine No. 1 | OG-134, OG-138, OG-138-F | 3406, 3701 |
| " | U303692 | NA | OG-139-D | 3706 |
| Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC | e002500 | NA | OG-124-A, OG-124-B, OG-124 | 2800 |
| " | o013883 | NA | OG-124-C, OG-124-D, OG-124 | 2800, 2802, 2801 |
| " | o401097 | 8 Haulage Degas | OG-124-A | 2800 |
| " | o402292 | Smith Br. Coal Refuse Disposal | OG-124-D | 2801 |

| Mining Company | Permit | Facility Name | Stream code | Subwatershed number |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| " | s400397 | Sewell Seam Surface Mine | OG-124-C, OG-124-D, OG-124-E-0.5 | 2800, 2801, 2803 |
| " | u020483 | NA | OG-124, OG-124-E | 2802, 2803, 2804 |
| " | u070700 | NA | OG-124 | 2800, 2802, 2804 |
| Plum Tree Minerals, LLC | s301098 | Lillybrook 1 Surface Mine | OG-139 | 3708 |
| Riverside Energy Company, LLC | h043300 | Sugar Run Haulroad | OG-130 | 3200 |
| " | h044500 | Sugar Run Haulroad | OG-125 | 1117 |
| " | u047100 | NA | OG-130 | 3200 |
| " | U400196 | Jims Branch Mine No. 3A | OG-126 | 1117 |
| " | u400295 | Still Run No. 1 Mine | OG-130, OG-130-A, OG-132, OG-133 | 3200, 1122 |
| " | u400297 | Joe Branch Mine No. 1 | OG | 1119 |
| " | u400395 | Still Run No. 2 Mine | OG-130 | 3200 |
| " | u400496 | Jims Branch Mine No. 3B | OG-126 | 1117 |
| " | u400595 | Sugar Run No. 1 MINE | OG-125 | 1117 |
| " | u400695 | Sugar Run No. 2 Mine | OG-125 | 1117 |
| " | u400697 | Still Run Mine No. 4 | OG-130, OG-130-A.5 | 3200 |
| " | u400996 | Still Run No. 3 Mine | OG-130 | 3200 |
| " | u401100 | Still Run Mine No. 10 | OG-130, OG-130-A | 3200 |
| " | u401300 | Copperhead Mine No. 1 | OG-124-G | 2804 |
| " | u401697 | Still Run Mine No. 6 | OG-130 | 3200 |
| " | u402195 | Jims Branch Mine No. 1 | OG, OG-126 | 1117 |
| " | u402199 | Grave Fork No. 1 Mine | OG-134-E, OG-134-G | 3406 |
| " | U402595 | Jims Branch Mine No. 2 | OG-126 | 1117 |
| Turpin Enterprises Inc. | D001182 | Mine No. 26A | OG-124-J | 2809 |
| U.S. Steel Mining Company, LLC | O401692 | N Main Degas Boreholes & ACCES | OG-124-B, OG-124-D, OG-124-E-0.5 | 2800, 2801, 2803 |
| " | O402290 | NA | OG-124-A, OG-1124-B, OG-124 | 2800 |
| " | O403292 | Shawnee Degas Boreholes & ACCE | OG-124-A, OG-124-B, OG-124-D | 2800, 2801 |
| White Mountain Mining Company LLC | o000183 | Preparation Plant | OG-138 | 3701 |
| " | o000283 | Keystone No. 4 Refuse Area | OG-138-F | 3701 |

Source: WVDEP (2005).

Appendix C. Load reduction calculations for fecal coliform bacteria

Average daily discharge of household wastewater = 70 gallons/person/day (Horsley and Witten, 1996)

Concentration of fecal coliform bacteria in untreated wastewater = 1.0×10^6 cfu/100mL (Horsley and Witten, 1996)

Average number of persons per household in the Upper Guyandotte = 2.4 (US Census Bureau, 2000)

Typical inefficiency of a properly maintained septic system = 1% (USEPA, 2002). For efficiency ratings of other treatment systems see Chapter 3.1.

$$(70 \text{ gallons / person / day}) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ mL}}{2.64 \times 10^{-4} \text{ gallons}} \right) \times 2.4 \text{ persons / household} = 6.37 \times 10^5 \text{ mL / household / day}$$

$$6.37 \times 10^5 \text{ mL / household / day} \times \left(\frac{1 \times 10^6 \text{ colony forming units}}{100 \text{ mL}} \right) \times 365 \text{ days / year} = 2.33 \times 10^{12} \text{ cfu / household / year}$$

$(2.33 \times 10^{12} \text{ cfu/household/year}) \times (\text{no. of homes with permitted septic}) \times 0.01 = \text{Total annual contribution from permitted septic}$

$(2.33 \times 10^{12} \text{ cfu/household/year}) \times (\text{no. of homes with failing septic or straight pipe}) = \text{Total annual contribution from failing septic}$

$(\text{contribution from permitted septic}) + (\text{contribution from failing septic}) = \text{Current annual fecal coliform loading per project area}$

$(\text{current annual load}) \times (\text{efficiency of proposed treatment system}) = \text{Estimated load reduction per project area}$

The following load reduction calculation is given for Alpoca Bottom as an example.

$$(2.33 \times 10^{12}) \times 7.52 \times 0.01 = 1.752 \times 10^{11}$$

$$(2.33 \times 10^{12}) \times 86.48 = 2.015 \times 10^{14}$$

$$0.9 \times (1.752 \times 10^{11} + 2.015 \times 10^{14}) = 1.815 \times 10^{14}$$

| Project Area | TMDL SWS | No. of Homes | % of community with Septic | No. of Homes w/ septic | No. of Homes w/o treatment | Current Annual Contribution from septic | Current Annual contribution from homes w/o treatment | Total Current Annual load | Efficiency of treatment system | Annual Load Reduction |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alpoca Bottom | 3302 | 94 | 0.08 | 7.52 | 86.48 | 1.752E+11 | 2.015E+14 | 2.017E+14 | 0.9 | 1.815E+14 |
| Alpoca Mill Branch | 3302 | 8 | 0.08 | 0.64 | 7.36 | 1.491E+10 | 1.715E+13 | 1.716E+13 | 0.99 | 1.699E+13 |
| Basin | 3303 | 15 | 0.03 | 0.45 | 14.55 | 1.049E+10 | 3.390E+13 | 3.391E+13 | 0.99 | 3.357E+13 |
| Basin Ridge 1 | 3303 | 25 | 0.03 | 0.75 | 24.25 | 1.748E+10 | 5.650E+13 | 5.652E+13 | 0.99 | 5.595E+13 |
| Basin Ridge 2 | 3303 | 67 | 0.03 | 2.01 | 64.99 | 4.683E+10 | 1.514E+14 | 1.515E+14 | 0.99 | 1.500E+14 |
| Basin Road | 3303 | 11 | 0.03 | 0.33 | 10.67 | 7.689E+09 | 2.486E+13 | 2.487E+13 | 0.99 | 2.462E+13 |
| Bud | 3302 | 101 | 0.13 | 13.13 | 87.87 | 3.059E+11 | 2.047E+14 | 2.050E+14 | 0.9 | 1.845E+14 |
| Bud Mountain | 3302 | 21 | 0.13 | 2.73 | 18.27 | 6.361E+10 | 4.257E+13 | 4.263E+13 | 0.99 | 4.221E+13 |
| Covel | 3309 | 54 | 0.04 | 2.16 | 51.84 | 5.033E+10 | 1.208E+14 | 1.208E+14 | 0.9 | 1.088E+14 |
| Garwood East | 3310 | 19 | 0.04 | 0.76 | 18.24 | 1.771E+10 | 4.250E+13 | 4.252E+13 | 0.9 | 3.827E+13 |
| Garwood West | 3310 | 10 | 0.04 | 0.4 | 9.6 | 9.320E+09 | 2.237E+13 | 2.238E+13 | 0.99 | 2.215E+13 |
| Herndon | 3305 | 14 | 0.12 | 1.68 | 12.32 | 3.914E+10 | 2.871E+13 | 2.874E+13 | 0.99 | 2.846E+13 |
| Herndon Gooney Otter | 3305 | 10 | 0.12 | 1.2 | 8.8 | 2.796E+10 | 2.050E+13 | 2.053E+13 | 0.99 | 2.033E+13 |
| Herndon II | 3308 | 24 | 0.12 | 2.88 | 21.12 | 6.710E+10 | 4.921E+13 | 4.928E+13 | 0.99 | 4.878E+13 |
| Lusk Community | 3303 | 12 | 0.03 | 0.36 | 11.64 | 8.388E+09 | 2.712E+13 | 2.713E+13 | 0.99 | 2.686E+13 |
| Lusk Settlement | 3303 | 10 | 0.12 | 1.2 | 8.8 | 2.796E+10 | 2.050E+13 | 2.053E+13 | 0.99 | 2.033E+13 |
| Montecarlo | 3304 | 4 | 0.12 | 0.48 | 3.52 | 1.118E+10 | 8.202E+12 | 8.213E+12 | 0.99 | 8.131E+12 |
| Peak Creek | 3303 | 23 | 0.03 | 0.69 | 22.31 | 1.608E+10 | 5.198E+13 | 5.200E+13 | 0.99 | 5.148E+13 |
| Tracy's Mountain | 3302 | 49 | 0.11 | 5.39 | 43.61 | 1.256E+11 | 1.016E+14 | 1.017E+14 | 0.99 | 1.007E+14 |
| Tralee | 3300 | 4 | 0.08 | 0.32 | 3.68 | 7.456E+09 | 8.574E+12 | 8.582E+12 | 0.99 | 8.496E+12 |
| Amigo Devils Fork | 3600 | 24 | 0.07 | 1.68 | 22.32 | 3.914E+10 | 5.201E+13 | 5.204E+13 | 0.99 | 5.152E+13 |
| Amigo Lower | 3600 | 15 | 0.07 | 1.05 | 13.95 | 2.447E+10 | 3.250E+13 | 3.253E+13 | 0.99 | 3.220E+13 |
| Amigo Middle | 3600 | 6 | 0.07 | 0.42 | 5.58 | 9.786E+09 | 1.300E+13 | 1.301E+13 | 0.99 | 1.288E+13 |
| Amigo Upper Devils Fork | 3600 | 9 | 0.07 | 0.63 | 8.37 | 1.468E+10 | 1.950E+13 | 1.952E+13 | 0.99 | 1.932E+13 |
| Egeria | 3603 | 14 | 0.29 | 4.06 | 9.94 | 9.460E+10 | 2.316E+13 | 2.325E+13 | 0.99 | 2.302E+13 |
| Cabin Creek | 2900 | 38 | 0.29 | 11.02 | 26.98 | 2.568E+11 | 6.286E+13 | 6.312E+13 | 0.99 | 6.249E+13 |
| Lower Itmann | 1121 | 110 | 0.07 | 7.7 | 102.3 | 1.794E+11 | 2.384E+14 | 2.385E+14 | 0.9 | 2.147E+14 |
| New Richmond | 1117 | 114 | 0.07 | 7.98 | 106.02 | 1.859E+11 | 2.470E+14 | 2.472E+14 | 0.9 | 2.225E+14 |
| Rt. 16 pg 1 | 1117 | 8 | 0.07 | 0.56 | 7.44 | 1.305E+10 | 1.734E+13 | 1.735E+13 | 0.99 | 1.717E+13 |
| Rt. 16 pg 6 | 1120 | 2 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 1.86 | 3.262E+09 | 4.334E+12 | 4.337E+12 | 0.99 | 4.294E+12 |
| Saulsville | 2909 | 119 | 0.29 | 34.51 | 84.49 | 8.041E+11 | 1.969E+14 | 1.977E+14 | 0.99 | 1.957E+14 |

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|----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Still Run | 3200 | 2 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 1.86 | 3.262E+09 | 4.334E+12 | 4.337E+12 | 0.99 | 4.294E+12 |
| Upper Itmann | 1121 | 56 | 0.07 | 3.92 | 52.08 | 9.134E+10 | 1.213E+14 | 1.214E+14 | 0.9 | 1.093E+14 |
| Upper Polk Gap | 3200 | 4 | 0.29 | 1.16 | 2.84 | 2.703E+10 | 6.617E+12 | 6.644E+12 | 0.99 | 6.578E+12 |
| Allen Junction Lower | 1123 | 13 | 0.04 | 0.52 | 12.48 | 1.212E+10 | 2.908E+13 | 2.909E+13 | 0.99 | 2.880E+13 |
| Allen Junction S.S. | 1123 | 6 | 0.04 | 0.24 | 5.76 | 5.592E+09 | 1.342E+13 | 1.343E+13 | 0.99 | 1.329E+13 |
| Allen Junction Upper | 1123 | 25 | 0.04 | 1 | 24 | 2.330E+10 | 5.592E+13 | 5.594E+13 | 0.9 | 5.035E+13 |
| Beechwood Center | 1123 | 14 | 0.04 | 0.56 | 13.44 | 1.305E+10 | 3.132E+13 | 3.133E+13 | 0.99 | 3.101E+13 |
| Beechwood S.S. | 1123 | 21 | 0.04 | 0.84 | 20.16 | 1.957E+10 | 4.697E+13 | 4.699E+13 | 0.99 | 4.652E+13 |
| Blackeagle | 1123 | 31 | 0.19 | 5.89 | 25.11 | 1.372E+11 | 5.851E+13 | 5.864E+13 | 0.9 | 5.278E+13 |
| Corrine | 1123 | 66 | 0.11 | 7.26 | 58.74 | 1.692E+11 | 1.369E+14 | 1.370E+14 | 0.9 | 1.233E+14 |
| Corrine Bottom | 1123 | 83 | 0.11 | 9.13 | 73.87 | 2.127E+11 | 1.721E+14 | 1.723E+14 | 0.9 | 1.551E+14 |
| Iroquois Clusters | 1124 | 21 | 0.03 | 0.63 | 20.37 | 1.468E+10 | 4.746E+13 | 4.748E+13 | 0.99 | 4.700E+13 |
| Iroquois S.S. | 1124 | 11 | 0.03 | 0.33 | 10.67 | 7.689E+09 | 2.486E+13 | 2.487E+13 | 0.99 | 2.462E+13 |
| Sand Gap | 1125 | 30 | 0.04 | 1.2 | 28.8 | 2.796E+10 | 6.710E+13 | 6.713E+13 | 0.99 | 6.646E+13 |
| Stephenson Bottom | 1125 | 34 | 0.04 | 1.36 | 32.64 | 3.169E+10 | 7.605E+13 | 7.608E+13 | 0.99 | 7.532E+13 |
| Stephenson Hill High | 1126 | 8 | 0.04 | 0.32 | 7.68 | 7.456E+09 | 1.789E+13 | 1.790E+13 | 0.99 | 1.772E+13 |
| Stephenson Hill Low | 1126 | 13 | 0.04 | 0.52 | 12.48 | 1.212E+10 | 2.908E+13 | 2.909E+13 | 0.9 | 2.618E+13 |
| Wyco Lower | 3500 | 16 | 0.05 | 0.8 | 15.2 | 1.864E+10 | 3.542E+13 | 3.543E+13 | 0.99 | 3.508E+13 |
| Wyco Middle | 3500 | 20 | 0.05 | 1 | 19 | 2.330E+10 | 4.427E+13 | 4.429E+13 | 0.99 | 4.385E+13 |
| Wyco Upper | 3500 | 24 | 0.05 | 1.2 | 22.8 | 2.796E+10 | 5.312E+13 | 5.315E+13 | 0.99 | 5.262E+13 |
| Bob's Branch | 2807 | 11 | 0.13 | 1.43 | 9.57 | 3.332E+10 | 2.230E+13 | 2.233E+13 | 0.99 | 2.211E+13 |
| Bud Lite | 2807 | 5 | 0.13 | 0.65 | 4.35 | 1.515E+10 | 1.014E+13 | 1.015E+13 | 0.99 | 1.005E+13 |
| Herndon Heights | 2811 | 54 | 0.12 | 6.48 | 47.52 | 1.510E+11 | 1.107E+14 | 1.109E+14 | 0.99 | 1.098E+14 |
| Micajah | 2811 | 13 | 0.13 | 1.69 | 11.31 | 3.938E+10 | 2.635E+13 | 2.639E+13 | 0.99 | 2.613E+13 |
| Spider Ridge | 2810 | 22 | 0.12 | 2.64 | 19.36 | 6.151E+10 | 4.511E+13 | 4.517E+13 | 0.99 | 4.472E+13 |
| Acord Mt. | 3406 | 14 | 0.07 | 0.98 | 13.02 | 2.283E+10 | 3.034E+13 | 3.036E+13 | 0.99 | 3.006E+13 |
| Hotchkiss North | 3406 | 16 | 0.18 | 2.88 | 13.12 | 6.710E+10 | 3.057E+13 | 3.064E+13 | 0.99 | 3.033E+13 |
| Hotchkiss South | 3406 | 20 | 0.18 | 3.6 | 16.4 | 8.388E+10 | 3.821E+13 | 3.830E+13 | 0.9 | 3.447E+13 |
| Lower Polk Gap | 3403 | 16 | 0.34 | 5.44 | 10.56 | 1.268E+11 | 2.460E+13 | 2.473E+13 | 0.99 | 2.448E+13 |
| Maben | 3404 | 25 | 0.34 | 8.5 | 16.5 | 1.981E+11 | 3.845E+13 | 3.864E+13 | 0.9 | 3.478E+13 |
| McKinney Ridge | 3406 | 10 | 0.13 | 1.3 | 8.7 | 3.029E+10 | 2.027E+13 | 2.030E+13 | 0.99 | 2.010E+13 |
| Otesgo West | 3401 | 30 | 0.05 | 1.5 | 28.5 | 3.495E+10 | 6.641E+13 | 6.644E+13 | 0.9 | 5.980E+13 |
| Otsego East | 3401 | 10 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 9.5 | 1.165E+10 | 2.214E+13 | 2.215E+13 | 0.9 | 1.993E+13 |
| Otsego South | 3401 | 2 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 2.330E+09 | 4.427E+12 | 4.429E+12 | 0.9 | 3.986E+12 |
| Pierpoint | 3402 | 42 | 0.07 | 2.94 | 39.06 | 6.850E+10 | 9.101E+13 | 9.108E+13 | 0.99 | 9.017E+13 |
| Polk Gap | 3403 | 9 | 0.29 | 2.61 | 6.39 | 6.081E+10 | 1.489E+13 | 1.495E+13 | 0.99 | 1.480E+13 |
| Tams Mt. | 3406 | 4 | 0.5 | 2 | 2 | 4.660E+10 | 4.660E+12 | 4.707E+12 | 0.99 | 4.660E+12 |
| Besoco Middle | 3706 | 9 | 0.04 | 0.36 | 8.64 | 8.388E+09 | 2.013E+13 | 2.014E+13 | 0.9 | 1.813E+13 |
| Besoco North | 3706 | 10 | 0.04 | 0.4 | 9.6 | 9.320E+09 | 2.237E+13 | 2.238E+13 | 0.9 | 2.014E+13 |
| Besoco West | 3706 | 6 | 0.04 | 0.24 | 5.76 | 5.592E+09 | 1.342E+13 | 1.343E+13 | 0.99 | 1.329E+13 |
| Eastgulf Lower Riffe | 3704 | 11 | 0.03 | 0.33 | 10.67 | 7.689E+09 | 2.486E+13 | 2.487E+13 | 0.99 | 2.462E+13 |
| Eastgulf Stonecoal | 3704 | 12 | 0.03 | 0.36 | 11.64 | 8.388E+09 | 2.712E+13 | 2.713E+13 | 0.99 | 2.686E+13 |

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|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Eastgulf Upper Riffe | 3704 | 11 | 0.03 | 0.33 | 10.67 | 7.689E+09 | 2.486E+13 | 2.487E+13 | 0.99 | 2.462E+13 |
| Josephine | 3706 | 57 | 0.07 | 3.99 | 53.01 | 9.297E+10 | 1.235E+14 | 1.236E+14 | 0.99 | 1.224E+14 |
| Kilarney | 3705 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.000E+00 | 4.660E+12 | 4.660E+12 | 0.99 | 4.613E+12 |
| Lego | 3706 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0.000E+00 | 5.126E+13 | 5.126E+13 | 0.9 | 4.613E+13 |
| Mead North | 3705 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0.000E+00 | 3.728E+13 | 3.728E+13 | 0.99 | 3.691E+13 |
| Mead S.S. | 3705 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.000E+00 | 1.864E+13 | 1.864E+13 | 0.99 | 1.845E+13 |
| Mead II | 3705 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.000E+00 | 1.864E+13 | 1.864E+13 | 0.99 | 1.845E+13 |
| Odd | 3707 | 75 | 0.77 | 57.75 | 17.25 | 1.346E+12 | 4.019E+13 | 4.154E+13 | 0.99 | 4.112E+13 |
| Pickshin | 3706 | 12 | 0.08 | 0.96 | 11.04 | 2.237E+10 | 2.572E+13 | 2.575E+13 | 0.99 | 2.549E+13 |
| Rhodell | 3703 | 180 | 0.02 | 3.6 | 176.4 | 8.388E+10 | 4.110E+14 | 4.111E+14 | 0.9 | 3.700E+14 |
| Helen | 3701 | 84 | 0.05 | 4.2 | 79.8 | 9.786E+10 | 1.859E+14 | 1.860E+14 | 0.9 | 1.674E+14 |
| McAlpin | 3701 | 4 | 0.25 | 1 | 3 | 2.330E+10 | 6.990E+12 | 7.013E+12 | 0.99 | 6.943E+12 |
| Stotesbury | 3701 | 24 | 0.17 | 4.08 | 19.92 | 9.506E+10 | 4.641E+13 | 4.651E+13 | 0.99 | 4.604E+13 |
| Ury | 3701 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0.000E+00 | 2.563E+13 | 2.563E+13 | 0.99 | 2.537E+13 |

Source: Watershed survey (Chapter 2.2.1).

Appendix D. Load reduction calculations for AMLs with water quality problems

Load calculations require estimates of the amount of water discharging from an AML and measurements of the pollutant concentration in the water. Both kinds of information are only available for one AML in the entire Upper Guyandotte watershed. Therefore, loads can only be calculated for this single AML.

Portals at Stonecoal Creek Complex (4809) discharge a total of 1,700 gpm with an iron concentration of 4 mg/L.

Discharge, on an annual basis, is given by:

$$\left(1,700 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1,440 \text{ min}}{\text{day}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{365.25 \text{ days}}{\text{year}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{3.7854 \text{ liters}}{\text{gallon}}\right) = 3.385 \cdot 10^9 \frac{\text{liters}}{\text{year}}$$

The iron load is given by:

$$\left(3.385 \cdot 10^9 \frac{\text{liters}}{\text{year}}\right) \cdot \left(4 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{liter}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1,000,000 \text{ mg}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{2.205 \text{ lbs}}{\text{kg}}\right) = 29,850 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{year}}$$

On other sites, unquantified loads come both from piles of refuse coal and from portal discharges. Loads from portal discharges are relatively easy to determine after flows are estimated and metal concentrations are measured. PADs indicate that the mine water in the Upper Guyandotte watershed is frequently used for household water supply. Many of the unquantified portal discharges may add very small additional metal loads to streams.

Loads from refuse coal will be more difficult to determine because they depend on many unknown factors, including the type of coal, the mix of coal and other refuse materials, and the residence time of the water in the refuse material.

Appendix E: Cost calculations for wastewater treatment projects

The following cost calculation is given for Alpoca as an example.¹⁶

Alpoca Bottom (conventional gravity collection system with package plant):

(No. of homes x “tap fee” per home) + (Length sewer line x \$100/ft.) = Cost of collection system

(Daily wastewater flow rate x \$10) = Cost of treatment system

$$(94 \times \$500) + (3500 \text{ ft.} \times \$100) = \$397,000$$

$$(20,550 \text{ gal/day} \times \$10) = \$205,500$$

$$\$397,000 + \$205,500 = \$602,500$$

Alpoca Mill Branch (individual onsite septic systems):

No. of homes x Cost per home = Total cost

$$8 \times \$5,000 = \$40,000$$

$$\text{Total cost for Alpoca} = \$602,500 + \$40,000 = \$642,500$$

¹⁶ Source: Table 10 (pg. 24), Table 11 (pg. 25), and Table 30.

Table 30: Cost calculations for wastewater treatment projects¹⁷

| Community | Project Area | SWS | No. of Homes | Type Sewer | Length Sewer (linear feet) | Sewer Cost | Type Treatment | Treatment Cost | Total Cost |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Allen Junction | Allen Junction Lower | 1123 | 13 | STEP | 1400 | \$127,000 | Cluster Drip | \$59,800 | \$186,800 |
| Allen Junction | Allen Junction Upper | 1123 | 25 | STEP | 1800 | \$213,000 | Package Plant | \$50,000 | \$263,000 |
| Allen Junction | Allen Junction S.S. | 1123 | 6 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| Alpoca | Alpoca Mill Branch | 3302 | 8 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Alpoca | Alpoca Bottom | 3302 | 94 | Gravity | 3500 | \$397,000 | Package Plant | \$205,500 | \$602,500 |
| Alpoca | Alpoca Bottom | 3302 | 94 | STEP | 3500 | \$686,500 | Package Plant | \$188,000 | \$874,500 |
| Alpoca | Alpoca Bottom | 3302 | 94 | Vacuum | 3500 | \$635,500 | Package Plant | \$188,000 | \$823,500 |
| Beechwood | Beechwood Center | 1123 | 14 | STEP | 700 | \$108,500 | Cluster Drainfield | \$40,180 | \$148,680 |
| Beechwood | Beechwood S.S. | 1123 | 21 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$105,000 | \$105,000 |
| Besoco | Besoco Middle | 3706 | 9 | STEP | 3000 | \$159,000 | Package Plant | \$18,000 | \$177,000 |
| Besoco | Besoco North | 3706 | 10 | STEP | 2200 | \$137,000 | Package Plant | \$20,000 | \$157,000 |
| Besoco | Besoco West | 3706 | 6 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| Blackeagle | Blackeagle | 1123 | 31 | Gravity | 4520 | \$467,500 | Extension | \$0 | \$467,500 |
| Bud | Bud | 3302 | 101 | Vacuum | 6500 | \$754,500 | Extension | \$0 | \$754,500 |
| Bud | Bud | 3302 | 101 | STEP | 6500 | \$631,500 | Package Plant | \$202,000 | \$833,500 |
| Bud | Bud | 3302 | 101 | Gravity | 6500 | \$700,500 | Package Plant | \$234,500 | \$935,000 |
| Corinne | Corrine | 1123 | 66 | Gravity | 2560 | \$289,000 | Extension | \$0 | \$289,000 |
| Corinne Bottom | Corrine Bottom | 1123 | 83 | Gravity | 3400 | \$381,500 | Extension | \$0 | \$381,500 |
| Covel | Covel | 3309 | 54 | STEP | 4500 | \$373,500 | Cluster Drainfield | \$154,980 | \$528,480 |
| Covel | Covel | 3309 | 54 | STEP | 4500 | \$373,500 | Package Plant | \$108,000 | \$481,500 |
| Eastgulf | Eastgulf Upper Riffe | 3704 | 11 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster Drainfield | \$31,570 | \$31,570 |
| Eastgulf | Eastgulf Lower Riffe | 3704 | 11 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$31,350 | \$31,350 |
| Eastgulf | Eastgulf Stonecoal | 3704 | 12 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster Drip | \$55,200 | \$55,200 |
| Garwood | Garwood West | 3310 | 10 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$28,500 | \$28,500 |
| Garwood | Garwood East | 3310 | 19 | STEP | 2000 | \$184,000 | Package Plant | \$38,000 | \$222,000 |
| Helen | Helen | 3701 | 84 | STEP | 7200 | \$756,000 | Package Plant | \$168,000 | \$924,000 |
| Helen | Helen | 3701 | 84 | Vacuum | 7200 | \$745,000 | Package Plant | \$168,000 | \$913,000 |
| Helen | Helen | 3701 | 84 | Gravity | 7200 | \$762,000 | Package Plant | \$204,000 | \$966,000 |
| Herndon | Herndon | 3305 | 14 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster Drip | \$64,400 | \$64,400 |
| Herndon | Herndon Gooney Otter | 3305 | 10 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Hotchkiss | Hotchkiss North | 3406 | 16 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$80,000 | \$80,000 |
| Hotchkiss | Hotchkiss South | 3406 | 20 | STEP | 2000 | \$190,000 | Package Plant | \$40,000 | \$230,000 |
| Iroquois | Iroquois S.S. | 1124 | 11 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$55,000 | \$55,000 |
| Iroquois | Iroquois Clusters | 1124 | 21 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$59,850 | \$59,850 |
| Lego | Lego | 3706 | 22 | STEP | 1500 | \$140,500 | Cluster Drainfield | \$63,140 | \$203,640 |
| Lego | Lego | 3706 | 22 | STEP | 2100 | \$161,500 | Extension | \$0 | \$161,500 |

¹⁷ Because wastewater is not transported over a significant distance in either individual onsite or cluster systems, the entire cost of these systems is given in the “treatment cost” column. This includes any small diameter line that may be needed for cluster systems. The cost given in the “sewer cost” column is therefore \$0. Also, for some project areas, cost estimates were calculated for more than one treatment option. The preferred (lowest cost) option is given in **bold** type in Table 30 and is also listed in Table 11 (pg. 25).

| Community | Project Area | SWS | No. of Homes | Type Sewer | Length Sewer (linear feet) | Sewer Cost | Type Treatment | Treatment Cost | Total Cost |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Lower Itmann | Lower Itmann | 1121 | 110 | Vacuum | 7500 | \$807,500 | Package Plant | \$220,000 | \$1,027,500 |
| Lower Itmann | Lower Itmann | 1121 | 110 | STEP | 7500 | \$922,500 | Package Plant | \$220,000 | \$1,142,500 |
| Lower Itmann | Lower Itmann | 1121 | 110 | Gravity | 7500 | \$805,000 | Package Plant | \$257,500 | \$1,062,500 |
| Maben | Maben | 3404 | 25 | STEP | 2000 | \$170,000 | Package Plant | \$50,000 | \$220,000 |
| Mead | Mead S.S. | 3705 | 8 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Mead | Mead North | 3705 | 16 | STEP | 1500 | \$148,500 | R.S.F. | \$0 | \$148,500 |
| New Richmond | New Richmond | 1117 | 114 | Vacuum | 7000 | \$798,000 | Package Plant | \$228,000 | \$1,026,000 |
| New Richmond | New Richmond | 1117 | 114 | STEP | 7000 | \$929,000 | Package Plant | \$228,000 | \$1,157,000 |
| New Richmond | New Richmond | 1117 | 114 | Gravity | 7000 | \$757,000 | Package Plant | \$263,000 | \$1,020,000 |
| Otsego | Otsego South | 3401 | 2 | Gravity | 0 | \$1,000 | Package Plant | \$4,000 | \$5,000 |
| Otsego | Otsego East | 3401 | 10 | STEP | 1000 | \$95,000 | Package Plant | \$20,000 | \$115,000 |
| Otsego | Otsego West | 3401 | 30 | STEP | 2000 | \$250,000 | Package Plant | \$60,000 | \$310,000 |
| Stephenson Hill | Stephenson Hill High | 1126 | 8 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$22,800 | \$22,800 |
| Stephenson Hill | Stephenson Hill Low | 1126 | 13 | STEP | 1000 | \$113,000 | Package Plant | \$26,000 | \$139,000 |
| Pierpoint | Pierpoint | 3402 | 42 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$119,700 | \$119,700 |
| Upper Itmann | Upper Itmann | 1121 | 56 | STEP | 4000 | \$476,000 | Package Plant | \$112,000 | \$588,000 |
| Upper Itmann | Upper Itmann | 1121 | 56 | Gravity | 4000 | \$428,000 | Package Plant | \$132,000 | \$560,000 |
| Upper Itmann | Upper Itmann | 1121 | 56 | Vacuum | 4000 | \$577,000 | Package Plant | \$112,000 | \$689,000 |
| Rhodell | Rhodell | 3703 | 180 | Vacuum | 10000 | \$1,035,000 | Package Plant | \$360,000 | \$1,395,000 |
| Rhodell | Rhodell | 3703 | 180 | STEP | 10000 | \$1,430,000 | Package Plant | \$360,000 | \$1,790,000 |
| Rhodell | Rhodell | 3703 | 180 | Gravity | 10000 | \$1,090,000 | Package Plant | \$410,000 | \$1,500,000 |
| Wyco | Wyco Lower | 3500 | 16 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$45,600 | \$45,600 |
| Wyco | Wyco Middle | 3500 | 20 | STEP | 2000 | \$190,000 | Cluster Drip | \$92,000 | \$282,000 |
| Wyco | Wyco Upper | 3500 | 24 | STEP | 2200 | \$221,000 | Cluster Drip | \$110,400 | \$331,400 |
| Acord Mt. | Acord Mt. | 3406 | 14 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$70,000 | \$70,000 |
| Amigo | Amigo Lower | 3600 | 15 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$42,750 | \$42,750 |
| Amigo | Amigo Middle | 3600 | 6 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| Amigo | Amigo Devils Fork | 3600 | 24 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$120,000 | \$120,000 |
| Amigo | Amigo Upper Devils Fork | 3600 | 9 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$45,000 | \$45,000 |
| Basin | Basin | 3303 | 15 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| Basin Ridge 1 | Basin Ridge 1 | 3303 | 25 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$125,000 | \$125,000 |
| Basin Ridge 2 | Basin Ridge 2 | 3303 | 67 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$335,000 | \$335,000 |
| Basin Road | Basin Road | 3303 | 11 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$55,000 | \$55,000 |
| Bob's Branch | Bob's Branch | 2807 | 11 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$55,000 | \$55,000 |
| Bud Lite | Bud Lite | 2807 | 5 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| Bud Mountain | Bud Mountain | 3302 | 21 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$105,000 | \$105,000 |
| Cabin Creek | Cabin Creek | 2900 | 38 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$190,000 | \$190,000 |
| Egeria | Egeria | 3603 | 14 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$70,000 | \$70,000 |
| Herndon Heights | Herndon Heights | 2811 | 54 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$270,000 | \$270,000 |
| Herndon II | Herndon II | 3308 | 24 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$120,000 | \$120,000 |
| Josephine | Josephine | 3706 | 57 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$285,000 | \$285,000 |
| Kilarney | Kilarney | 3705 | 2 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Lower Polk Gap | Lower Polk Gap | 3403 | 16 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$80,000 | \$80,000 |
| Lusk Community | Lusk Community | 3303 | 12 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$60,000 | \$60,000 |

| Community | Project Area | SWS | No. of Homes | Type Sewer | Length Sewer (linear feet) | Sewer Cost | Type Treatment | Treatment Cost | Total Cost |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Lusk Settlement | Lusk Settlement | 3303 | 10 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| McAlpin | McAlpin | 3701 | 4 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| McKinney Ridge | McKinney Ridge | 3406 | 10 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Mead II | Mead II | 3705 | 8 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Micajah | Micajah | 2811 | 13 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$65,000 | \$65,000 |
| Montecarlo | Montecarlo | 3304 | 4 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Odd | Odd | 3707 | 75 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$375,000 | \$375,000 |
| Peak Creek | Peak Creek | 3303 | 23 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$115,000 | \$115,000 |
| Pickshin | Pickshin | 3706 | 12 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$34,200 | \$34,200 |
| Polk Gap | Polk Gap | 3403 | 9 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$45,000 | \$45,000 |
| Rt. 16 pg 1 | Rt. 16 pg 1 | 1117 | 8 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Rt. 16 pg 6 | Rt. 16 pg 6 | 1120 | 2 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Sand Gap | Sand Gap | 1125 | 30 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
| Saulsville | Saulsville | 2909 | 119 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$595,000 | \$595,000 |
| Spider Ridge | Spider Ridge | 2810 | 22 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$110,000 | \$110,000 |
| Stephenson Bottom | Stephenson Bottom | 1125 | 34 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$96,900 | \$96,900 |
| Still Run | Still Run | 3200 | 2 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Stotesbury | Stotesbury | 3701 | 24 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$68,400 | \$68,400 |
| Tams Mt. | Tams Mt. | 3406 | 4 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Tracy's Mountain | Tracy's Mountain | 3302 | 49 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$245,000 | \$245,000 |
| Tralee | Tralee | 3300 | 4 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Upper Polk Gap | Upper Polk Gap | 3200 | 4 | Onsite | 0 | \$0 | Onsite | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Ury | Ury | 3701 | 11 | Cluster | 0 | \$0 | Cluster LPP | \$31,350 | \$31,350 |

Appendix F. Cost calculations for each AML with water quality problems

Costs for eliminating AMD from each AML are usually sums of four components:

1. Reclamation of acres of refuse coal
2. Construction of mine seals,
3. Construction of OLCs, and
4. Engineering and project management costs.

In some cases, however, reclamation has taken place, and OLCs and wet seals have been installed.

Costs are rounded to nearest \$10 thousand to reflect the precision of the method used to estimate costs. When the cost for a site is calculated to exceed \$1 million, it is recorded as “>\$1,000,000.” This is done because data used for cost calculations, as already noted, are often so sparse as to make the calculations imprecise.

Decisions about the sizing of AMD treatment measures and the amounts of reclamation and of OLCs were chosen using the rules detailed below.

D.1 Land reclamation

Land reclamation costs were calculated at \$10,000 per acre. The acreage chosen was that of refuse coal described in the PAD.

D.2 Mine seals

Where mine seals were not already constructed, the cost of \$5,000/seal was used (Bess, 2004).

D.5 Oxic limestone channels

The price of constructing OLCs was set at \$35/linear foot (Bess, 2004). The required length was estimated as 100 feet for each wet seal, and 100 feet for each acre of reclamation. OLCs are important for channeling water over reclaimed land to prevent erosion of the vegetation cover.

D.6 Engineering and project management costs

A 10% amount to be paid for the costs of developing blueprints and a 10% cost to pay for project management, including putting the project out for bid and inspecting the work as it takes place, have also been added to the costs.

Table 31: Cost calculations for each AML with water quality problems

| Problem Area (Problem area number) | Amount of refuse coal (acres) | Land reclamation cost (\$) | Number of wet seals | Cost of wet seals (\$) | Amount of OLCs (linear feet) | OLC cost (\$) | Total construction cost (\$) | Engineering and project management cost (\$) | Total cost, rounded (\$) |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Amigo Abandoned Structures (93) | 6 | 60,000 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 21,000 | 81,000 | 16,200 | 100,000 |
| Beartown Church Refuse Pile (630) | 1 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 3,500 | 13,500 | 2,700 | 20,000 |
| Beartown Fork Refuse Pile (631) | 2 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 7,000 | 27,000 | 5,400 | 30,000 |
| Clark Gap Refuse Pile (633) | 15 | 150,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 52,500 | 202,500 | 40,500 | 240,000 |
| Gooney Otter Creek Refuse (637) | 30 | 300,000 | 0 | 0 | 3,000 | 105,000 | 405,000 | 81,000 | 490,000 |
| Milam Ridge Refuse Pile (647) | 10 | 100,000 | 3 | 15,000 | 1,300 | 45,500 | 160,500 | 32,100 | 190,000 |
| Pilot Knob Refuse Pile (650) | 10 | 100,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 35,000 | 135,000 | 27,000 | 160,000 |
| Pinnacle Creek #2 Refuse Pile (651) | 20 | 200,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 70,000 | 270,000 | 54,000 | 320,000 |
| Hickory Branch Mine Dump (924) | 75 | 750,000 | 0 | 0 | 7,500 | 262,500 | 1,012,500 | 202,500 | >1,000,000 |
| Alpoca Mine Dump (926) | 10 | 100,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 35,000 | 135,000 | 27,000 | 160,000 |
| Tralee Mine Dump (930) | 100 | 1,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 | 350,000 | 1,350,000 | 270,000 | >1,000,000 |
| Pierpont Refuse Pile (932) | 6.9 | 69,000 | 2 | 10,000 | 890 | 31,150 | 110,150 | 22,030 | 130,000 |
| Helen "B" Refuse Pile (1727) | 6 | 60,000 | 0 | 0 | 600 | 21,000 | 81,000 | 16,200 | 100,000 |
| Allen Creek Complex (1898) | 15 | 150,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 52,500 | 202,500 | 40,500 | 240,000 |
| Montecarlo Complex (1903) | 3 | 30,000 | 6 | 30,000 | 900 | 31,500 | 91,500 | 18,300 | 110,000 |
| Rhodell Refuse Piles & Portal (1907) | 10.6 | 106,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,060 | 37,100 | 143,100 | 28,620 | 170,000 |
| Madeline Refuse Pile (1908) | 3 | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 10,500 | 40,500 | 8,100 | 50,000 |
| Killarney Mine Dump (2298) | 40 | 400,000 | 1 | 5,000 | 4,100 | 143,500 | 548,500 | 109,700 | 660,000 |
| Berry Branch Refuse Pile (2301) | 4 | 40,000 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 14,000 | 54,000 | 10,800 | 60,000 |
| Richardson Branch Complex (2304) | 7 | 70,000 | 0 | 0 | 700 | 24,500 | 94,500 | 18,900 | 110,000 |
| Bailey Branch Complex (2305) | 15 | 150,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | 52,500 | 202,500 | 40,500 | 240,000 |
| Ury Structures (2308) | 3 | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 10,500 | 40,500 | 8,100 | 50,000 |
| Slab Fork Impoundments (2580) | 2 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 7,000 | 27,000 | 5,400 | 30,000 |
| Site #16 Adventure Resources, Inc. (4163) | 1 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 3,500 | 13,500 | 2,700 | 20,000 |
| Wyco (Pugh) Refuse Pond (4662) | 1 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 3,500 | 13,500 | 2,700 | 20,000 |
| Odd (Airy) Refuse (4695) | 4 | 40,000 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 14,000 | 54,000 | 10,800 | 60,000 |
| Stonecoal Creek Complex (4809) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 919,603 | 183,921 | >1,000,000 |
| Blackeagle Refuse Pile (4811) | 10 | 100,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 35,000 | 135,000 | 27,000 | 160,000 |
| Pinnacle Mining Corp. (4968) | 4 | 40,000 | 1 | 5,000 | 500 | 17,500 | 62,500 | 12,500 | 80,000 |
| Stonecoal Junction Refuse (5640) | 2 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 7,000 | 27,000 | 5,400 | 30,000 |
| Terry Branch Portals and Refuse (5695) | 0.5 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 1,750 | 6,750 | 1,350 | 10,000 |

Appendix G. Waters previously listed for total aluminum impairment

Table 32: Waters previously listed for total aluminum impairment

| Stream code | Stream name | TMDL subwatershed | Miles impaired by AI (tot) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Guyandotte River 1</u> | | | |
| OG-127 | Cabin Creek | 2900-2911 | 3.6 |
| OG-127-D | Marsh Fork | 2909 | 3.5 |
| OG-128 | Joe Branch | 3000 | 1.6 |
| OG-129 | Long Branch | 3100 | 2.1 |
| OG-130 | Still Run | 3200 | 5.3 |
| OG-125 | Sugar Run | 1117 | 2.1 |
| <u>Guyandotte River 2</u> | | | |
| OG-135-A | Left Fork/Allen Creek | 3501 | 2.6 |
| OG-136 | Big Branch | 1125 | 2 |
| <u>Pinnacle Creek</u> | | | |
| OG-124 | Pinnacle Creek | 2800-2813 | 26.6 |
| OG-124-D | Smith Branch | 2801 | 2.1 |
| OG-124-H | Laurel Branch | 2805 | 2.1 |
| OG-124-I | Spider Creek | 2807 | 3.5 |
| <u>Barker's Creek</u> | | | |
| OG-131 | Barker's Creek | 3300-3310 | 8 |
| OG-131-B | Hickory Branch | 3301 | 2.1 |
| OG-131-C | Mill Branch | 3302 | 2.6 |
| OG-131-F | Gooney Otter Creek | 3304-3310 | 6.8 |
| OG-131-F-1 | Jims Branch | 3305 | 1.4 |
| OG-131-F-2 | Noseman Branch | 3307 | 2.3 |
| <u>Slab Fork</u> | | | |
| OG-134 | Slab Fork | 3400-3406 | 15.1 |
| OG-134-D | Measle Fork | 3405 | 3.3 |
| <u>Devil's Fork</u> | | | |
| OG-137 | Devil's Fork | 3600-3604 | 4.9 |
| <u>Winding Gulf</u> | | | |
| OG-138 | Winding Gulf | 3701 | 15.5 |
| OG-138-E | Mullens Branch | 3701 | 1.4 |
| <u>Stonecoal Creek</u> | | | |
| OG-139 | Stonecoal Creek | 3702-3707 | 10.2 |
| OG-139-A | Tommy Creek | 3707 | 4.8 |

Source: Total aluminum impairments are from the 2002 303(d) list, which does not provide any mileages (WVDEP, 2003). Impaired mileages for all streams are from the 1998 303(d) list (WVDEP, 1998), which lists all streams as impaired by pH and metals from mine drainage. See Chapter 2.1.2 for further explanation.

Appendix H: Ranking score calculations for wastewater treatment projects

Calculating the scoring ratios for water quality, construction cost, and O/M cost (as described in Chapter 6.1) results in three sets of values with different units. In order to combine those values into a community score, the data was normalized and the units removed. To do this, each value was divided by the highest value calculated within that scoring criterion. Dividing every value by the same number preserves the relationships between each value and results in a set of values between 0 and 1. For the water quality improvement criteria, a larger ratio (with 1 being the highest value) is a favorable score. However, for construction cost and annual O/M cost, a smaller ratio (with 0 being the lowest value) is a favorable score. In order to account for this difference, the normalized values for the construction cost ratio and the O/M cost ratio were also inverted (subtracted from 1).¹⁸

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{\text{Load reduction expected upon project implementation}}{\text{Current annual load across the subwatershed}} \right) \times \text{Highest water quality improvement ratio} \\
 & \quad + \\
 & 1 - \left[\left(\frac{\text{Treatment system construction cost per household}}{\text{Annual median household income}} \right) \times \text{Highest construction cost per household ratio} \right] \\
 & \quad + \\
 & 1 - \left[\left(\frac{\text{Annual operation and maintenance cost per household}}{\text{Annual median household income}} \right) \times \text{Highest O/M per household ratio} \right] \\
 & \quad = \text{Overall Community Score}
 \end{aligned}$$

¹⁸This method is described in detail in Malczewski, 1999.

The following ranking score calculation is given for Alpoca as an example.

$$\left[\left(\frac{1.985 \times 10^{14}}{1.236 \times 10^{15}} \right) \times 0.82597 \right] + \left[1 - \left(\left(\frac{6299.02}{28181.95} \right) \times 0.84371186 \right) \right] + \left[1 - \left(\left(\frac{100}{28181.95} \right) \times 0.0107907 \right) \right] = 1.60072049$$

$$(0.160628029 \times 0.82597) + [1 - (0.223512544 \times 0.84371186)] + [1 - (0.00354837 \times 0.0107907)] = 1.60072049$$

$$0.194471556 + 0.735084268 + 0.671164666 = 1.60072049$$

Table 33: Ranking score calculations for wastewater treatment projects

| Community | Community Annual Median Income | Water Quality Ratio | Water Quality Normalized | Construction Cost Per Home | Construction Cost Ratio | Construction Cost Normalized and Inverted | Annual OM Cost Per Home | OM Ratio | OM Ratio Normalized and Inverted | Score |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Barker's Creek | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alpoca | \$28,181.95 | 0.160628029 | 0.194471556 | 6299.019608 | 0.223512544 | 0.735084268 | 100 | 0.003548370 | 0.671164666 | 1.60072049 |
| Basin | \$22,435.77 | 0.0271677 | 0.0328918 | 5000 | 0.222858393 | 0.735859593 | 50 | 0.002228584 | 0.793472194 | 1.562223588 |
| Basin Ridge 2 | \$21,581.35 | 0.045279501 | 0.054819666 | 5000 | 0.231681551 | 0.725402044 | 50 | 0.002316816 | 0.785295578 | 1.565517289 |
| Basin Ridge 1 | \$23,088.00 | 0.121349062 | 0.146916706 | 5000 | 0.216562717 | 0.743321473 | 50 | 0.002165627 | 0.799306537 | 1.689544716 |
| Basin Road | \$19,544.27 | 0.01992298 | 0.024120653 | 5000 | 0.255829464 | 0.696781002 | 50 | 0.002558295 | 0.762917173 | 1.483818829 |
| Bud | \$26,373.64 | 0.149331694 | 0.18079514 | 7470.29703 | 0.283248668 | 0.664282698 | 120 | 0.004549998 | 0.578341569 | 1.423419407 |
| Bud Mountain | \$30,208.00 | 0.034154081 | 0.041350176 | 5000 | 0.165519068 | 0.803820384 | 50 | 0.001655191 | 0.846609816 | 1.691780376 |
| Covel | \$23,088.00 | 0.088005297 | 0.106547576 | 8916.666667 | 0.386203511 | 0.542256627 | 150 | 0.006496881 | 0.397919611 | 1.046723814 |
| Garwood | \$23,088.00 | 0.048891832 | 0.059193098 | 8637.931034 | 0.374130762 | 0.556565717 | 165 | 0.007146570 | 0.337711572 | 0.953470387 |
| Herndon | \$20,583.85 | 0.039476743 | 0.047794297 | 4766.666667 | 0.231573169 | 0.725530503 | 115 | 0.005586905 | 0.482249136 | 1.255573937 |
| Herndon II | \$23,012.77 | 0.039476743 | 0.047794297 | 5000 | 0.217270691 | 0.742482354 | 50 | 0.002172707 | 0.798650441 | 1.588927092 |
| Lusk Community | \$19,544.27 | 0.02173416 | 0.02631344 | 5000 | 0.255829464 | 0.696781002 | 50 | 0.002558295 | 0.762917173 | 1.486011615 |
| Lusk Settlement | \$19,917.00 | 0.016448643 | 0.01991429 | 5000 | 0.251041824 | 0.702455499 | 50 | 0.002510418 | 0.767353985 | 1.489723775 |
| Montecarlo | \$27,277.79 | 0.006579457 | 0.007965716 | 5000 | 0.183299286 | 0.782746581 | 50 | 0.001832993 | 0.830132495 | 1.620844792 |
| Peak Creek | \$22,704.16 | 0.041657141 | 0.050434093 | 5000 | 0.220223966 | 0.738982018 | 50 | 0.002202240 | 0.795913576 | 1.585329687 |
| Tracy's Mountain | \$23,594.13 | 0.081503848 | 0.098676304 | 5000 | 0.211917073 | 0.74882767 | 50 | 0.002119171 | 0.803611758 | 1.651115731 |
| Tralee | \$30,208.00 | 0.00687513 | 0.008323685 | 5000 | 0.165519068 | 0.803820384 | 50 | 0.001655191 | 0.846609816 | 1.658753886 |
| Devils Fork | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amigo | \$19,826.93 | 0.825971839 | 0.999999999 | 4402.777778 | 0.222060459 | 0.736805335 | 82.5 | 0.004161007 | 0.614390297 | 2.351195632 |
| Egeria | \$19,305.85 | 0.164028161 | 0.19858808 | 5000 | 0.258988876 | 0.693036344 | 50 | 0.002589889 | 0.759989276 | 1.6516137 |
| Guyandotte River 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabin Creek | \$21,126.29 | 0.069382749 | 0.084001349 | 5000 | 0.236671892 | 0.719487299 | 50 | 0.002366719 | 0.780670919 | 1.584159567 |

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| Lower Itmann | \$28,235.71 | 0.238368578 | 0.288591653 | 9340.909091 | 0.330818941 | 0.607900567 | 150 | 0.005312421 | 0.507686192 | 1.404178412 |
| New Richmond | \$25,095.68 | 0.247036526 | 0.299085894 | 8947.368421 | 0.356530265 | 0.577426509 | 150 | 0.005977125 | 0.446086594 | 1.322598997 |
| Rt. 16 pg 1 | \$25,546.05 | 0.019069486 | 0.023087332 | 5000 | 0.195724996 | 0.768019148 | 50 | 0.001957250 | 0.818617314 | 1.609723794 |
| Rt. 16 pg 6 | \$27,337.00 | 0.004767372 | 0.005771833 | 5000 | 0.182902294 | 0.783217111 | 50 | 0.001829023 | 0.830500396 | 1.61948934 |
| Saulsville | \$22,207.74 | 0.217277556 | 0.263056857 | 5000 | 0.225146691 | 0.733147414 | 50 | 0.002251467 | 0.791351578 | 1.787555849 |
| Still Run | \$27,337.00 | 0.004767372 | 0.005771833 | 5000 | 0.182902294 | 0.783217111 | 50 | 0.001829023 | 0.830500396 | 1.61948934 |
| Upper Itmann | \$28,133.21 | 0.121351276 | 0.146919387 | 10000 | 0.355451756 | 0.5787048 | 150 | 0.005331776 | 0.505892486 | 1.231516672 |
| Upper Polk Gap | \$27,337.00 | 0.007303447 | 0.008842247 | 5000 | 0.182902294 | 0.783217111 | 50 | 0.001829023 | 0.830500396 | 1.622559755 |
| Guyandotte River 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allen Junction | \$23,661.91 | 0.098318144 | 0.119033288 | 10904.54545 | 0.460848146 | 0.453784911 | 126.667 | 0.005353190 | 0.503908077 | 1.076726277 |
| Beechwood | \$22,997.55 | 0.082467289 | 0.099842736 | 7248 | 0.315163989 | 0.626455422 | 50 | 0.002174145 | 0.798517215 | 1.524815374 |
| Blackeagle | \$26,168.60 | 0.056134915 | 0.067962263 | 15080.64516 | 0.576287829 | 0.316961325 | 120 | 0.004585649 | 0.575037794 | 0.959961381 |
| Corinne | \$28,229.50 | 0.131171418 | 0.158808584 | 4378.787879 | 0.155113882 | 0.816153014 | 120 | 0.004250872 | 0.606062302 | 1.5810239 |
| Corinne Bottom | \$23,937.95 | 0.164957995 | 0.199713825 | 4596.385542 | 0.19201247 | 0.772419377 | 120 | 0.005012960 | 0.535437911 | 1.507571113 |
| Iroquois | \$20,666.25 | 0.076175889 | 0.09222577 | 3589.0625 | 0.173667827 | 0.794162159 | 115 | 0.005564629 | 0.484313543 | 1.370701472 |
| Sand Gap | \$19,917.00 | 0.070686247 | 0.085579488 | 5000 | 0.251041824 | 0.702455499 | 50 | 0.002510418 | 0.767353985 | 1.555388972 |
| Stephenson Bottom | \$20,752.78 | 0.08011108 | 0.096990087 | 2850 | 0.137331008 | 0.837229965 | 180 | 0.008673537 | 0.196204095 | 1.130424147 |
| Stephenson Hill | \$23,129.11 | 0.046695763 | 0.056534329 | 7704.761905 | 0.333119751 | 0.605173557 | 165 | 0.007133869 | 0.338888607 | 1.000596492 |
| Wyco | \$25,069.00 | 0.139915198 | 0.169394635 | 10983.33333 | 0.438124111 | 0.480718319 | 180 | 0.007180183 | 0.334596576 | 0.984709531 |
| Pinnacle Creek | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bob's Branch | \$30,208.00 | 0.10286828 | 0.124542115 | 5000 | 0.165519068 | 0.803820384 | 50 | 0.001655191 | 0.846609816 | 1.774972316 |
| Bud Lite | \$30,208.00 | 0.046758309 | 0.056610052 | 5000 | 0.165519068 | 0.803820384 | 50 | 0.001655191 | 0.846609816 | 1.707040253 |
| Herndon Heights | \$26,261.15 | 0.5107276 | 0.618335366 | 5000 | 0.190395314 | 0.774336092 | 50 | 0.001903953 | 0.823556448 | 2.216227907 |
| Micajah | \$30,208.00 | 0.121571604 | 0.147186136 | 5000 | 0.165519068 | 0.803820384 | 50 | 0.001655191 | 0.846609816 | 1.797616337 |
| Spider Ridge | \$26,260.64 | 0.208074207 | 0.251914409 | 5000 | 0.190399021 | 0.774331699 | 50 | 0.001903990 | 0.823553013 | 1.849799121 |
| Slab Fork | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acord Mt. | \$34,286.00 | 0.077720251 | 0.094095521 | 5000 | 0.145832118 | 0.82715412 | 50 | 0.001458321 | 0.864854148 | 1.78610379 |
| Hotchkiss | \$34,286.00 | 0.167555134 | 0.202858168 | 8611.111111 | 0.251155314 | 0.702320985 | 100 | 0.002916642 | 0.729708296 | 1.634887449 |
| Lower Polk Gap | \$25,825.00 | 0.063312854 | 0.076652558 | 5000 | 0.193610859 | 0.770524904 | 50 | 0.001936109 | 0.820576531 | 1.667753993 |
| Maben | \$24,388.22 | 0.089933031 | 0.108881474 | 8800 | 0.360829944 | 0.572330362 | 150 | 0.006150510 | 0.430018586 | 1.111230422 |
| McKinney Ridge | \$34,286.00 | 0.051971369 | 0.062921478 | 5000 | 0.145832103 | 0.827154138 | 50 | 0.001458321 | 0.864854162 | 1.754929777 |
| Otsego | \$25,713.97 | 0.216473714 | 0.26208365 | 10238.09524 | 0.398153072 | 0.528093544 | 150 | 0.005833405 | 0.459405403 | 1.249582597 |
| Pierpoint | \$25,554.07 | 0.233160752 | 0.282286563 | 2850 | 0.111528213 | 0.867812438 | 180 | 0.007043887 | 0.347227387 | 1.497326389 |
| Polk Gap | \$22,573.65 | 0.038270802 | 0.04633427 | 5000 | 0.221497141 | 0.737473002 | 50 | 0.002214971 | 0.794733697 | 1.57854097 |
| Tams Mt. | \$28,589.24 | 0.012048911 | 0.014587557 | 5000 | 0.174890992 | 0.792712416 | 50 | 0.001748910 | 0.837924647 | 1.64522462 |
| Stonecoal Creek | | | | | | | | | | |
| Besoco | \$17,257.08 | 0.059584838 | 0.072139067 | 14560 | 0.843711857 | -1.4033E-13 | 116.667 | 0.006760512 | 0.373488419 | 0.445627486 |
| Eastgulf | \$16,887.93 | 0.08795 | 0.106480628 | 3474.117647 | 0.205716039 | 0.756177376 | 136.667 | 0.008092566 | 0.250044025 | 1.112702029 |
| Josephine | \$17,364.21 | 0.141423278 | 0.171220459 | 5000 | 0.287948577 | 0.658712184 | 50 | 0.002879486 | 0.73315168 | 1.563084323 |
| Kilarney | \$17,087.06 | 0.005331708 | 0.006455072 | 5000 | 0.292619149 | 0.65317644 | 50 | 0.002926191 | 0.728823357 | 1.38845487 |
| Lego | \$16,681.00 | 0.053317076 | 0.064550719 | 7340.909091 | 0.44007608 | 0.47840477 | 120 | 0.007193813 | 0.333333396 | 0.876288885 |
| Mead | \$18,038.26 | 0.063980491 | 0.077460863 | 7854.166667 | 0.435417006 | 0.483926885 | 25 | 0.001385943 | 0.87156162 | 1.432949368 |
| Mead II | \$17,730.03 | 0.02132683 | 0.025820288 | 5000 | 0.282007431 | 0.665753861 | 50 | 0.002820074 | 0.738657472 | 1.43023162 |
| Odd | \$19,101.62 | 0.047525509 | 0.057538897 | 5000 | 0.261757914 | 0.689754372 | 50 | 0.002617579 | 0.757423147 | 1.504716416 |

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| Pickshin | \$16,681.00 | 0.029456618 | 0.035662981 | 2850 | 0.170853083 | 0.797498302 | 180 | 0.010790721 | -5.55E-09 | 0.833161278 |
| Rhodell | \$17,864.41 | 0.427593256 | 0.51768503 | 7750 | 0.433823529 | 0.485815536 | 150 | 0.008396584 | 0.221869935 | 1.225370501 |
| Winding Gulf | | | | | | | | | | |
| Helen | \$17,496.00 | 0.631368352 | 0.764394526 | 10869.04762 | 0.621230582 | 0.263693431 | 150 | 0.008573390 | 0.205484945 | 1.233572902 |
| McAlpin | \$17,336.07 | 0.026182468 | 0.031698984 | 5000 | 0.288416055 | 0.658158111 | 50 | 0.002884161 | 0.732718458 | 1.422575552 |
| Stotesbury | \$17,331.89 | 0.173628906 | 0.210211654 | 2850 | 0.164436799 | 0.805103131 | 180 | 0.010385482 | 0.03755439 | 1.052869175 |
| Ury | \$17,992.68 | 0.095683438 | 0.115843463 | 2850 | 0.15839777 | 0.812260823 | 180 | 0.010004070 | 0.07290072 | 1.001005006 |

Source: US Census Bureau (2000),

Table 10 (pg. 24), Table 11 (pg. 25), Table 12 (pg. 38).