

1 AN ACT concerning land conservation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Surface-Mined Land Conservation and
5 Reclamation Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 715/2) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 4502)

7 Sec. 2. Statement of policy. It is declared to be the
8 policy of this State to provide for conservation and
9 reclamation of lands affected by surface mining in order to
10 restore them to optimum future productive use and to provide
11 for their return to productive use including but not limited
12 to: the planting of forests; the seeding of grasses and
13 legumes for grazing purposes; the planting of crops for
14 harvest; the enhancement of wildlife and aquatic resources;
15 the establishment of recreational, residential and industrial
16 sites; ~~and for~~ the conservation, development, management, and
17 appropriate use of all the natural resources of such areas
18 for compatible multiple purposes, to aid in maintaining or
19 improving the tax base; the protection of ~~and protecting~~ the
20 health, safety and general welfare of the people, the natural
21 beauty and aesthetic values, and enhancement of the
22 environment in the affected areas of the State; the
23 prevention of ~~to prevent~~ erosion, stream pollution, water,
24 air and land pollution and other injurious effects to
25 persons, property, wildlife and natural resources; the
26 assurance ~~and to assure~~ that conservation and reclamation
27 plans for all surface mining activity are available for the
28 prior consideration of county governments within whose
29 jurisdiction such lands will be affected by surface mining;
30 and the ~~to permit~~ participation and authorization of
31 authorize cooperation and coordination with the federal

1 government in initial regulatory programs under the federal
2 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, Public
3 Law 95-87, Title 30, USC Sec. 1201 et seq.

4 The issuance of a permit under this Act to engage in the
5 surface mining of any resources other than fossil fuels is
6 not intended to relieve the permittee from its duty to comply
7 with other applicable state and local law regulating the
8 commencement, location and operation of surface mining
9 facilities.

10 (Source: P.A. 82-114.)