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## GRANT UPDATES!



**AMD&ART is please to announce the receipt of three new grants.**

THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING  
AWARDED A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
TO AMD&ART TO IMPROVE AND  
ENHANCE THE REMEDIATION PARK  
TREATMENT SYSTEM.

The Potrero Nuevo Foundation awarded  
a grant to support the work being done by  
AmeriCorps and VISTA Volunteers.

*AMD&ART's website at  
[www.amdandart.org](http://www.amdandart.org)  
will be taking on a new look  
in the near future. Thanks  
to a grant awarded by the  
Compton Foundation we  
will be able to expand our  
website and continue our  
Outreach Initiatives.*

**SPECIAL THANKS TO DR. ALLAN COMP, FOUNDER  
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN OBTAINING THESE GRANTS.**



## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN

On August 13, 2003, the Office of Surface Mining's Harrisburg Field Office awarded AMD&ART, Inc., N.P.'s Vintondale Phase II AMD Treatment Watershed Cooperative Agreement for the improvement and enhancement of the acid mine drainage (AMD) remediation system within community-designed "Remediation Park." In order to make the operation of the existing treatment system more effective, several tasks need to be performed on site. These include lining ponds 4 and 6, the lowering of spillways to enhance treatment and flow, the use of manufactured soil to provide a good growth medium, and final re-vegetation. These improvements will make the system more efficient and will strengthen the overall viability and power of the site. This will lead to lasting benefits to Blacklick Creek, the community of Vintondale, and environmental education in the region. Hutchison Excavating will begin the improvements and enhancements in early November 2003. Earthtech, Inc will supervise the on-site construction. Vintondale Borough is the current landowner and will act as long term conservator of the site. We anticipate that the construction aspects of the project will be complete by the end of 2003. If construction encounters no delays, much of the topsoil placement, and re-vegetation could also be completed this year. However, some of the planting aspects will probably extend into the spring of 2004. The major project activities should be completed by the end of May 2004.



# STAFF UPDATE

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This fall AMD&ART welcomed two new AmeriCorps / VISTA Volunteers to the staff and one returning member. We are very pleased to introduce to the Vintondale Community this years AMD&ART staff:

**Becky Reese** has replaced George Turner as the new Environmental Education Coordinator. She is a recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a background in Ecology and Evolution. For the past year she worked in an Evolutionary Genetics Laboratory. Becky has come from Pittsburgh to return to her hometown of Northern Cambria to join our team.



**Cindy Wigger** is the new AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer relocating to Pennsylvania from Missouri. As Watershed Development Coordinator she will serve as the community contact person for the Vintondale community and the AMD&ART project... focus on implementing the existing Community Vision Plan and the Environmental Justice grant. She holds a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice specializing in International Studies.



**George Turner** the returning member of the AMD&ART team, has now taken the position of Site Coordinator. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting from the Savannah College of Art and Design. This past year, as the former Education Coordinator, George formed connections with area teachers and set-up the Education Center.

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