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I live in the town of Portage and there are actually windmills within close range of where I hunt. They are land intensive but with all of the Acid Mine Drainage and problems like that in the area it is nice to see something green happening. The animals don't really mind them and I see a lot of deer around the grass and open areas that are created for the mills.

In high school I was a water quality tester trying to find ways of cleaning up this A.M.D. Some of the water we tested had a PH of 2 coming out of boreholes or under slag coal piles.

Some theories we had were to connect the bore holes together and have one discharge and install a wetland to filter out some of the minerals and balance the pH. There is a cement facility near my town that we were going to try to put limestone in the stream to raise the pH.

We were trying to get a grant when I graduated and haven't heard any new news.

It kills me to see TROUT RUN in Portage completely orange when the pH is low and iron oxide is present or completely white like when the pH is up and the aluminum precipitates.

Sorry I got off topic but Between TROUT RUN and the LITTLE CONEMAUGH RIVER these both could be excellent trout streams and be beneficial to the area.