

## HR 1146

Community Reclamation Partnerships Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	May 26, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Community Reclamation Partnerships Act

This bill revises the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program which restores land and water adversely impacted by surface coal mines that were abandoned before August 3, 1977.

A state with an approved reclamation program may enter into a memorandum of understanding with relevant federal or state agencies for remediating mine drainage on abandoned mine land and water impacted by abandoned mines.

In addition, the bill authorizes a partnership between a state and a community reclaimer for remediating abandoned mine land if

- the partnership's proposed project is consistent with an approved state memorandum of understanding and conducted on certain prioritized sites;
- the state assumes all responsibility on behalf of the community reclaimer and the owner of the proposed project site for costs or damages resulting from actions or inactions of the community reclaimer in carrying out the project, except for gross negligence or intentional misconduct by the community reclaimer; and
- the state has necessary legal authority to conduct the project and has financial resources to ensure the project's completion.

A community reclaimer is a person who (1) voluntarily assists a state in a reclamation project, (2) did not participate in the creation of site conditions at the proposed site or activities that caused any land or waters to become eligible for reclamation or drainage abatement expenditures, (3) is not a past or current owner or operator of any site with ongoing reclamation obligations, and (4) is not subject to outstanding violations of surface coal mining permits.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 25, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-293.
- **Apr 25, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 215.
- **May 26, 2021:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **May 26, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 26, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.