



# Ready for Reuse

## Lackawanna Refuse Property

South Keyser Avenue, Old Forge, Pennsylvania 18518



Views of the Lackawanna Refuse Superfund Site (Images used with permission of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.)

**Site Name:** Lackawanna Refuse Superfund Site

**Size:** 267 acres

**Existing Site Infrastructure:** The site is currently vacant and fenced. Caps cover three strip mine cuts previously used for solid waste disposal. The electricity grid is accessible from the site.

**Readiness for Reuse:** EPA determined the site to have achieved the Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use performance measure in 2008.

**Use Restrictions:** Site use restrictions are in place to protect remedy components. Caps cover areas of contaminated soil and disturbance of the caps or digging into site soils is prohibited without prior written approval from EPA. Groundwater may not be used for domestic purposes and no wells may be installed on the property. Area homes are connected to the municipal water supply.

### SETTING:

- The site, totaling 267 acres, consists of five former strip mine pits and surrounding lands. Previous site owners used three of the former mine pits as permitted municipal landfills during the 1970s.
- Nearby lands are residential and forested areas. Site surroundings include several houses to the south and east, a residential neighborhood to the northeast, and forest to the west. The current site property owner developed about 40 homes to the south/southeast of the site.
- Surrounding population: 0.5 mile, 278 people | 2.5 miles, 21,137 people | 4 miles, 47,767 people.
- The site's Renewable Energy Profile can be found at [https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/cimc/f?p=CIMC:REPOWER:0:::P6\\_REFERENCE:55676](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/cimc/f?p=CIMC:REPOWER:0:::P6_REFERENCE:55676).

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### REMEDIAL STATUS:

- Remedy construction took place between 1987 and 1991.
- Cleanup involved removing waste and contaminated soil, building a cap and diverting surface water.
- In 1999, EPA issued a Close-Out Report stating that no further work is necessary at the site and deleted the site from the National Priorities List.
- The site achieved the Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use performance measure in 2008.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Site Summary: [www.epa.gov/superfund/lackawanna](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/lackawanna)



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