



Rural Action is a member based organization based in Athens County. Our mission is to foster social, economic, and environmental justice in Appalachian Ohio. With our members, we envision a region of clean streams, healthy forests, thriving family farms, meaningful jobs for everyone, lively towns that remember local history and celebrate their stories, music, arts, and crafts, and people working together to make this vision a reality.

Watershed Restoration

A program cleaning up acid mine drainage from old surface coal mines, returning fish to creeks, making the water safe for recreation and tourism. Rural Action manages work in four watersheds.

- Monday Creek Restoration Partnership - Athens, Hocking and Perry Counties
- Huff Run and Mud Run Restoration Partnership – Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties
- Sunday Creek Watershed Group – Athens, Morgan and Perry Counties

www.ruralaction.org/programs/watershed-restoration

Ohio Stream Restore Corps

An AmeriCorps national service program educating children and restoring waterways in the region. Sixteen members give their energy and enthusiasm to implement conservation and restoration strategies that increase environmental learning, stewardship, and economic opportunity in southeast Ohio. More than 5300 volunteers have worked on restoration projects in the last 4 years.

www.ruralaction.org/get-involved/amerikorps

Zero Waste

A program increasing local wealth and health by diverting waste, growing recycling, and supporting the development of a zero waste economy across southeast Ohio and in Athens and Hocking Counties.

www.ruralaction.org/programs/zerowaste

Environmental Education

Appalachian Green Teachers Project (AGTP) brings environmental education into classrooms, connecting it to Ohio's common core standards. Providing teachers with tools, training and support to take advantage of the natural world as a teaching tool and offering learning projects bringing outdoors learning into the classroom and community.

www.ruralaction.org/programs/environmentaled

Sustainable Forestry

Helping landowners earn incomes from their forests and manage their woodlands through non-timber forest products like mushrooms and ginseng, forest certification, and forest assessments.

www.ruralaction.org/programs/forestry

Sustainable Agriculture

Farm to Institution to School, working with Hocking College and local schools to increase the fresh, local food into lunchrooms and increasing supply of local foods by helping farmers find markets.

www.ruralaction.org/programs/agriculture