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## Land Restoration Efforts Are Creating Wildlife Habitats — Domtar

One of the few running streams on-site flows out from one of the old deep mines. The at our has helped protect and increase the local bald eagle population for more than 30 years. However, 14-acre Pin Oak Lake has an improved ramp.

## How to Restore a Million Acres of Strip

Elk have proven a powerful draw for Central Appalachian communities, especially since the effort engages hunters, who have historically proven to be a powerful group when it comes to funding conservation efforts.

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Illinois also has hundreds of privately owned strip mine waters. However, other states that produce good bass from strip mine lakes include Kentucky, Indiana and Iowa. Your feedback and comments are valuable to us.

## DNR: Fish & Wildlife: Chinook Fish & Wildlife Area

Boyd recounted hunting and wildlife-watching stories. Approximately 80 acres of the property is water mostly strip pits. Call the office at 765-653-0453 for details.

## Mined Land Wildlife Area

Midwestern strip mine spots Good strip mine fishing can be found throughout the Midwest. Missouri The southwest corner of the Show Me State hosts a number of strip mine lakes near the cities of Joplin and Neosho, though most are private. Kentucky has seen its elk population in the 16-county region grow from 1,541 introduced animals to more than 10,000.

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We also compelled the Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw a controversial water permit for the Black Mesa coal mine, which had been

discharging toxic heavy metal and pollutants. Yet nature's own patient reclamation on countless pits in the Prairie State has created varied and unusual fish and wildlife habitat, often in the middle of Illinois' flat but extremely fertile farmland. The Mazonia Fish and Wildlife Area near Braidwood in Grundy County provides a mix of long trench-like lakes with small-boat ramps and fertile hike-in ponds rich with bass and panfish.

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