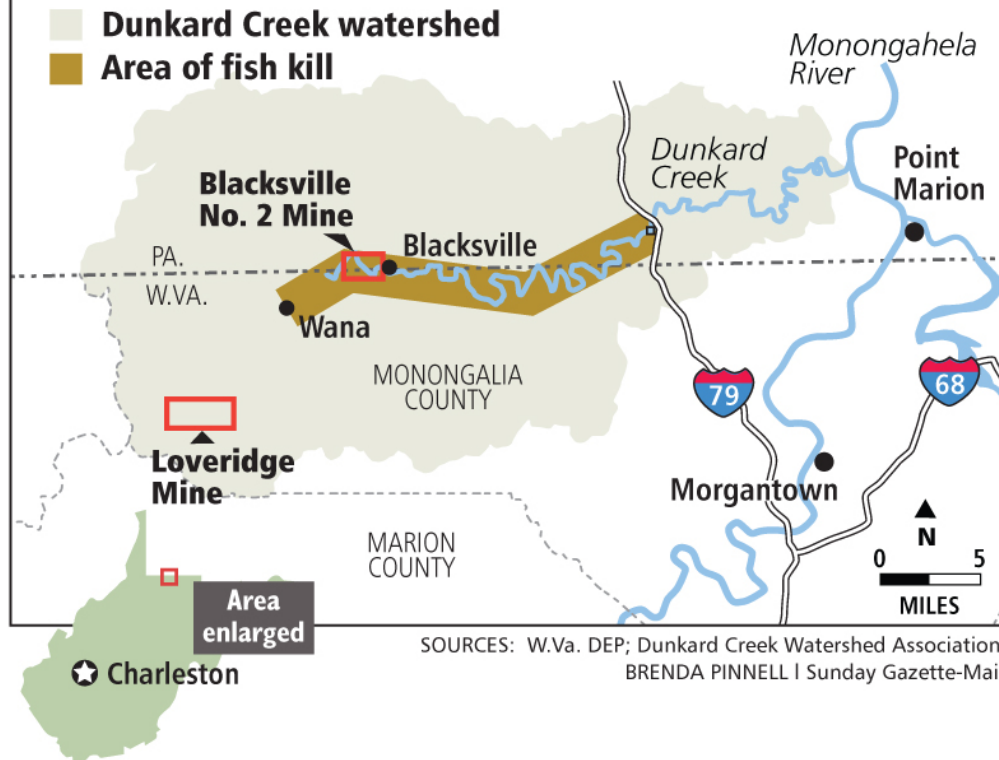


Dunkard Creek fish kill

Two CONSOL Energy mines upstream from a huge Monongalia County fish kill have violated permit limits for years. State regulators keep giving them extensions of time to comply.

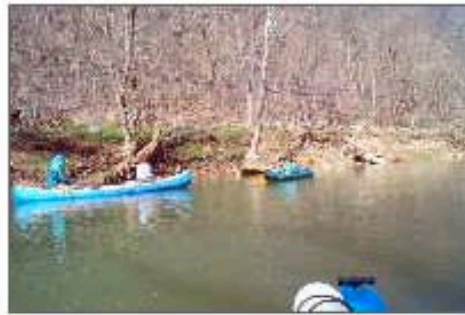
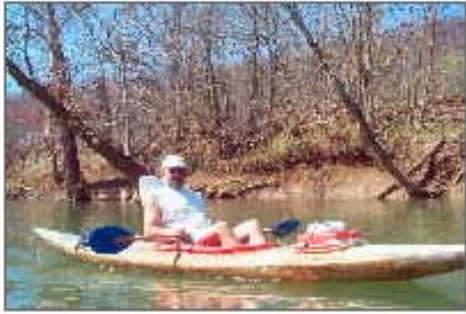
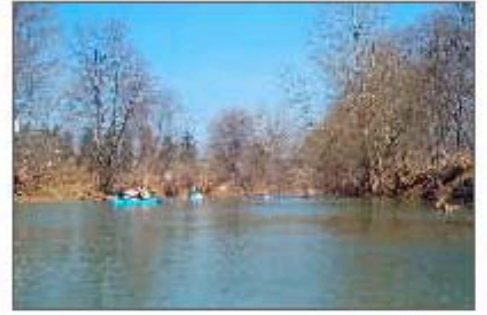


Spills of fuel and waste fluids, legal and illegal dumping, material handling “errors”, “operator errors”, casing “errors”, an overcapacity injection well, two interconnected coal mines with permits to dump into the Creek, workers in one of the mines being threatened by rising caustic waters, several gas wells fractured in the area, many unconventional (hydraulically fractured) gas wells north of Dunkard Creek with thousands of gallons of very salty waste fluids to dispose of all added up to transforming Dunkard Creek from a fresh water alive ecology to a dead saline (salty) sewer. 40 miles and 161 species - dead
Thousands of fish, and all other creatures in the stream were killed.

The importation of an exotic species of algae from Texas, likely on drilling equipment added the final blow. Golden algae only lives in a saline environment and warm temperatures. It was summer and the frack waste turned the stream salty. The Golden algae bloomed and then as it died released the toxin that was the actual killing agent.

PICTURES - BEFORE and AFTER below

- BEFORE -



- AFTER -



September, 2009

Dunkard Creek is undergoing what has been called a total ecological disaster starting in September, with every living aquatic creature in the stream being killed. West Virginia and Muskie fishermen especially are mourning the loss of majestic muskie.

Photo from the Dunkard Creek Watershed Association, Inc. which is made up of volunteers, especially people who live in the 150,000-acre Dunkard Creek watershed