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People Incorporated Receives \$150,000 for Trammel Community Revitalization Project on Abandoned Mine Lands

Dickenson Co., Va. - A former coal camp is getting quite the facelift, in part, due to a \$150,000 grant from the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) program. The grant will fund the removal of old, blighted homes and the restoration of over 2,000 feet of sidewalk in the community of Trammel. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) administers the AMLER program which is funded from the U.S. Department of Treasury. The purpose is to fund projects on abandoned mine land sites that result in an economic boost to southwest Virginia

“I am pleased Trammel will receive this important federal funding to restore sidewalks and remove dangerous structures in the community,” **said U.S. Representative Morgan Griffith**. “This investment will make improvements to the area, providing the potential to boost economic development and create new jobs. I am proud to continue to be a champion in Congress for the AMLER program being in Virginia.”

“Coal mining is a legacy in this community and although it created many opportunities in the past, Trammel should show visitors what opportunities Dickenson County has to offer in the future,” **said Virginia Energy Acting Director Will Clear**. “This community development project is important to the bigger economic development picture in southwest Virginia and our agency is proud to work with People Incorporated on the improvements.”

The AMLER funded work is part of a much larger project underway by People Incorporated with an end goal of making Trammel an exemplary southern gateway community to Dickenson County. The bigger project will rebuild homes, improve the playground and provide other infrastructure improvements.

“The history of the coal community created the opportunity to apply for the AMLER grant, adding much needed funding to help Trammel reach its revitalization goals,” **said People Incorporated President and CEO Bryan Phipps.** “Many of the people living in Trammel have roots that are generations deep and they deserve to live in a community that reflects the proud history and resiliency of its residents.”

The Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Program originated in a federal omnibus bill in 2017. Virginia Energy has received \$10 million annually for economic development on abandoned mine lands. The program administered is by the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement.

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