

Mine Operations, Environmental Permitting & Mitigation Services

River Products Company, Klein Quarry – Johnson County, Iowa

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2011-Present

River Products Company, Inc. (RP) is a premier mining and manufacturing operation located in Eastern Iowa. EarthView Environmental, Inc. (EVE) has worked closely with RP to provide an array of environmental services which facilitate short and long term planning for day-to-day operations and long-term expansion efforts. Early planning efforts have helped to streamline the permitting process while reducing cost and keeping projects on schedule.



Since 2011, EVE has provided RP tools to successfully obtain regulatory approval and permits for a range of mining activities. The scale of mining and manufacturing activities at RP mines requires large-scale land use planning and permitting administration to maintain efficient operations. At multiple RP locations, EVE has successfully provided wetland delineations, critical habitat surveys, impact analysis of current and potential mining activities, real-estate analysis, and worked as a liaison to regulatory agencies.

For the expansion of River Products' Klein Quarry, EVE identified unavoidable impacts to protected wetland and habitat areas, and compiled a mitigation plan that satisfied the differing requirements of the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Johnson County Sensitive Areas Ordinance as regulated by the Army Corps of Engineers, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Currently ongoing, EVE works in coordination with RP staff to successfully complete permit requirements, utilizing a combination of EVE services and RP resources for cost-effective joint maintenance and management of the conservation areas. Some components of the mitigation as permitted include: wetland preservation & enhancement, Indiana bat habitat preservation, bat habitat establishment, riparian restoration, savanna restoration, tree plantings, establishment of prairie ecotone buffers, and prescribed burning.



Keeping supervisors and employees aware of environmental issues is critical for companies of this size; EVE supplements annual Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) training through annual training workshops and onsite interaction. This gives employees the tools for making decisions in the field that keep operations moving without risking violations to local, state, or federal regulations.

Large-scale mining activities require an elevated level of operational awareness and compliance within complicated permitting and jurisdictional frameworks; EVE provides the comprehensive knowledge and diverse experience needed by larger companies to efficiently and successfully navigate the regulatory system.



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