

RAMACO Case Study

Obtaining Land Use Change

What was the client's issue presented to WWC?

In order to move forward with development of its coal resource, RAMACO needed to obtain a land use change from the county for property it owned.

How did WWC brainstorm and collaborate with the client to find a solution?

WWC met with the client and the client's legal counsel to discuss the regulatory process, public outreach, and legal challenges surrounding this change. The decision included, who should prepare the documents and what if any public outreach should be conducted.

What was the solution chosen by WWC?

WWC and the client's legal counsel partnered together to prepare the necessary regulatory text, tables, and exhibits, each relying on their individual strengths to prepare the document. This team also shared in the public outreach responsibilities and included reaching out to stakeholders in their respective professions.

Why did WWC choose this solution?

WWC chose this collaborative effort recognizing that both the legal counsel and WWC had strengths to bring to the table that would likely result in a successful application, that individually would not be as strong.

What was the final result of the completed project?

The result was a successful land use change for our client on a 3:2 vote by the county commissioners.

How was the outcome defined as good or effective for your customer?

This was a pivot point for the client and meant the continuation of their coal development.

Why did WWC feel the solution chosen was the best choice?

WWC quickly recognized its strengths and weaknesses and the need to partner with others to provide a service that would achieve the client's goals.

- Any other important/unique/exciting/valuable points worth noting:

Several of the county commissioners noted that this was the most comprehensive land use application they had ever received, by far.