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## **Top DEP Stories**

Morning Call: In a first in Pennsylvania, judge says PennEast Pipeline can take property in Carbon County  
<https://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-nws-penn-east-eminent-domain-pennsylvania-20181211-story.html>

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Montgomery Media: DEP holds hearing for proposed compressor station in West Rockhill  
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The Lansdale Reporter: DEP holds hearing for proposed compressor station in West Rockhill  
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## **Air**

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## **Climate Change**

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<http://www2.philly.com/science/climate/a/climate-change-sea-level-rise-nj-natural-lands-glades-wildlife-refuge-sourgum-trees-20181211.html>

Post-Gazette: Persistent warming in the Arctic raises fears of a 'rapid unraveling' of the region  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2018/12/11/warming-Arctic-raises-fears-rapid-unraveling-region/stories/201812110161>

Tribune-Review: National Geographic premieres 'Paris to Pittsburgh' environmental documentary  
<https://triblive.com/aande/movies/14394049-74/national-geographic-premieres-paris-to-pittsburgh-environmental-documentary>

## **Conservation & Recreation**

Penn State News: Penn State partners with ClearWater Conservancy to conserve Musser Gap property  
<https://news.psu.edu/story/551458/2018/12/11/impact/penn-state-partners-clearwater-conservancy-serve-musser-gap>

Centre County Gazette: Penn State partnering with ClearWater Conservancy to conserve land near Musser Gap

<http://www.statecollege.com/news/local-news/penn-state-partnering-with-clearwater-conservancy-to-conserve-land-near-musser-gap,1478730/>

Centre County Gazette: Public input sought for Centre Region Comprehensive Parks and Rec Plan

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<https://www.abc27.com/news/local/lancaster/columbia-holds-public-meeting-about-riverfront-park-redevelopment-project/1654505914>

FOX43: Public hearing to discuss rezoning 50-acre plot of land in Manchester Township

<https://fox43.com/2018/12/11/public-hearing-to-discuss-rezoning-50-acre-plot-of-land-in-manchester-township/>

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## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

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Doylestown Intelligencer: U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick asks Gov. Wolf to halt Rockhill Quarry

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<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2018/12/12/west-virginia-mine-3-people-missing/>

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<https://triblive.com/local/carlynton/14396981-74/bridgeville-council-approves-53-quarterly-trash-recycling-fee>

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## **Water**

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/road-closed-in-robinson-township-due-to-water-main-break/25545730>

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<https://www.wpxi.com/news/top-stories/water-shoots-high-above-homes-roof-after-water-main-break/887618050>

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