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Top DEP Stories

Philadelphia Inquirer: Pa., N.J., and other states are cutting environmental spending at the worst time, report finds

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<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/scranton-dpw-director-says-trash-temporarily-dumped-on-ground-to-make-emergency-truck-repairs-1.2567757>

Standard Speaker: Broad Mountain turbine opponents raise site concerns

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Observer-Reporter: Washington takes down air-monitoring station

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Restore Pennsylvania

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Wyalusing Supervisors OK Budget, Dump Truck

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/wyalusing-supervisors-ok-budget-dump-truck/>

Air

Renovo Record: "Super load" of industrial dryer to begin move from Erie to Lock Haven on Thursday

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Climate Change

Pittsburgh Business Times: Peduto joins climate-action committee run by mayors

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2019/12/03/peduto-joins-climate-action-committee-run-by.html>

Allegheny Front: What's the Future of Global Climate Policies? We Talk with Obama's Chief Climate Negotiator

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Morning Call: Nearly 200 acres to be preserved in Upper Saucon and Salisbury townships
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Tribune-Review: Brentwood and Carrick receive 11 new street trees
<https://triblive.com/local/south-hills/brentwood-and-carrick-receive-11-new-street-trees/>

Next Pittsburgh: You can't go there yet. But with \$200K in funding, Hays Woods is Pittsburgh's next major park.
<https://www.nextpittsburgh.com/city-design/hays-woods-receives-200000-to-begin-planning-for-pittsburghs-next-major-park/>

Erie Times: Asbury Woods to open new boardwalk
<https://www.goerie.com/news/20191205/asbury-woods-to-open-new-boardwalk>

Energy

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Catawissa could switch its position on electric-rate hike
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Centre Daily Times: Questions remain with solar project (LTE)
<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article237955899.html>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Edwards works to produce hydrogen as fuel
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Allegheny Front: America's Shale Gas Helped Solve Japan's Energy Needs after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster
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Citizens' Voice: Cartwright bill to reauthorize trust fund that turns mine wastes into viable land

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York Daily Record: Pa.'s Mariner East pipeline illegally paid constables to act as armed security guards, DA says

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2019/12/04/pa-s-controversial-mariner-east-pipeline-center-elaborate-bribery-scheme/2608101001/>

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Pike County Courier: Eighth graders sweep state radon poster contest

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Vector Management

Lancaster Newspapers: Worried about spotted lanternfly in your Christmas tree? Experts say you shouldn't be.

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/worried-about-spotted-lanternfly-in-your-christmas-tree-experts-say/article_f6691150-16fa-11ea-8ccc-c3d9ef38fb3d.html

Waste

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Tribune-Review: Unity planning commission OKs mobile home park expansion

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/unity-planning-commission-oks-mobile-home-park-expansion/>

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<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/phoenixville/aqua-pa-purchases-phoenixville-area-water-systems-3-5m>

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