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## Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Democrat: Burns: Watershed sediment reduction project lands grant  
[https://www.tribdem.com/news/burns-watershed-sediment-reduction-project-lands-grant/article\\_995d7d14-ac03-11ee-8f75-27ed92311fa6.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/burns-watershed-sediment-reduction-project-lands-grant/article_995d7d14-ac03-11ee-8f75-27ed92311fa6.html)

WPXI: \$5M in environmental project funding up for grabs in Beaver County  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/5m-environmental-project-funding-up-grabs-beaver-county/3ODEJQ4HABB5RLKIPOX4UEHLM/>

WTAJ: Cambria County awarded over \$200k for watershed projects  
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/cambria-county-awarded-over-200k-for-watershed-projects/>

StateCollege.com: Nearly \$320,000 in state funds to aid watershed restoration projects in Centre County  
<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/local-news/nearly-320000-in-state-funds-to-aid-watershed-restoration-projects-in-centre-county/>

DuBois Courier-Express: DEP Highlights National Radon Action Month, Provides Free Radon Test Kits  
[https://www.thecourierexpress.com/the\\_leader\\_vindicator/news/state/dep-highlights-national-radon-action-month-provides-free-radon-test-kits/article\\_8fa50630-ac11-11ee-ae5f-0f2b39c4ff8a.html](https://www.thecourierexpress.com/the_leader_vindicator/news/state/dep-highlights-national-radon-action-month-provides-free-radon-test-kits/article_8fa50630-ac11-11ee-ae5f-0f2b39c4ff8a.html)

Gant News: Shapiro Administration announces over \$2.4 million for conservation projects in Northcentral PA  
<https://gantnews.com/2024/01/07/shapiro-administration-announces-over-2-4-million-for-conservation-projects-in-north-central-pennsylvania/>

ConnectFM: Clearfield County Conservation District secures more than \$400,000 in grants  
<https://www.connectradio.fm/news/clearfield-county-conservation-district-secures-more-than-400000-in-grants>

Explore Jefferson: Shapiro Administration announces over \$2.4 million for conservation projects in Northcentral Pennsylvania  
<https://www.explorejeffersonpa.com/shapiro-administration-announces-over-2-4-million-for-conservation-projects-in-northcentral-pennsylvania/>

WTAJ: Two Centre County watershed projects receive funding from Pennsylvania DEP  
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/two-centre-county-watershed-projects-receive-funding-from-pennsylvania-dep/>

## Mentions

WESA/Inside Climate News: David Hess, longtime Pa. environmental official, reflects on his career and the rise of fracking  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-01-07/david-hess-pennsylvania-environment-fracking-blog>

Post-Gazette/Inside Climate News: David Hess, longtime Pa. environmental official, reflects on his career and the rise of fracking

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/01/07/david-hess-pennsylvania-environmental-official-fracking/stories/202401030002>

Inside Climate News: David Hess, Longtime Pennsylvania Environmental Official Turned Blogger, Reflects on His Career and the Rise of Fracking

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/07012024/david-hess-pennsylvania-environmental-official-rise-of-fracking/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Demolition of former Phillips Motel in Shamokin Dam to begin soon

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/demolition-of-former-phillips-motel-in-shamokin-dam-to-begin-soon/article\\_ee4dcba4-ab44-11ee-8571-9353e142241e.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/demolition-of-former-phillips-motel-in-shamokin-dam-to-begin-soon/article_ee4dcba4-ab44-11ee-8571-9353e142241e.html)

Towanda Daily Review: PA DEP issues technical deficiencies letter to Bishop Brothers

[https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/pa-dep-issues-technical-deficiencies-letter-to-bishop-brothers/article\\_93f9d3be-6e64-58e6-8758-90458facca07.html](https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/pa-dep-issues-technical-deficiencies-letter-to-bishop-brothers/article_93f9d3be-6e64-58e6-8758-90458facca07.html)

## **Air**

Post-Gazette: U.S. Steel hit with a hefty fine for Clairton Coke Works emissions

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2024/01/06/us-steel-clairton-coke-works-air-pollution-fine/stories/202401060087>

KDKA: U.S. Steel fined \$2.2 million by Allegheny County Health Department for air emission violations

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/us-steel-fined-allegheny-county-health-department-air-emission-violations/>

Mon Valley Independent: Controlled burn considered successful

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2024/01/controlled-burn-considered-successful/>

## **Climate Change**

Reading Eagle: Mild December helped make 2023 warmest year on record in Berks

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/01/08/mild-december-helped-make-2023-warmest-year-on-record-in-berks/>

Allegheny Front: PITTSBURGH LAUDED FOR ITS 'INNOVATIVE' RULES TO CURB CLIMATE-FUELED FLOODING

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pittsburgh-stormwater-flooding-climate-change/>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: It takes work to see understand climate crisis

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-it-takes-work-to-see-understand-climate-crisis/>

Inside Climate News: Once Known for Its Pollution, Pittsburgh Becomes a Poster Child for Climate Consciousness

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/08012024/pittsburgh-stormwater-control-climate-consciousness/>

Tribune-Review: Editorial: Hydrogen isn't clean if it adds to climate pollution. Biden's rules are a good start

<https://triblive.com/opinion/editorial-hydrogen-isnt-clean-if-it-adds-to-climate-pollution-bidens-rules-are-a-good-start/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Times Observer: Nature knows best: Grant program aims to convert space to native state, aid pollinators

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/01/nature-knows-best-grant-program-aims-to-convert-space-to-native-state-aid-pollinators/>

Post-Gazette: Animals and us

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2024/01/07/animals-and-us/stories/202401050135>

WESA: Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps seeking young adult crew members

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-01-08/pennsylvania-outdoor-corps-crew-members>

The Mercury: 458 acres of open space preserved in New Hanover, Upper Frederick

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/01/08/458-acres-of-open-space-preserved-in-new-hanover-upper-frederick/>

## **Energy**

WJET-TV: What are some of the hidden costs of electric vehicles?

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/what-are-some-of-the-hidden-costs-of-electric-vehicles/>

Tribune-Review: Editorial: Hydrogen isn't clean if it adds to climate pollution. Biden's rules are a good start

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Post-Gazette: Dollar Energy Fund helps people keep the lights on in dark times. Now, it runs a solar farm to help them

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/01/07/dollar-energy-fund-solar-farm-beaver-county/stories/202401070050>

WHYY: The city of Philadelphia's vehicle fleet is getting cleaner, but it has a long way to go

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-city-electric-vehicle-fleet/>

## **Oil and Gas**

Post-Gazette: Stop using oil

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2024/01/07/stop-using-oil/stories/202401070088>

AP: New Mexico considers setback requirements for oil wells near schools and day care centers

<https://apnews.com/article/new-mexico-considers-setbacks-for-oil-wells-f0581b81fa06310305f44bb5fa71ae83>

Reuters: U.S. natgas producers seek to balance production cuts, demand rebound

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/us-natgas-producers-seek-balance-production-cuts-demand-rebound-2024-01-04/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Gas prices drop another 3 cents in Pennsylvania

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/gas-prices-drop-another-3-cents-in-pennsylvania/article\\_820283e0-ae1e-11ee-9d2c-8f4ccaac83f6.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/gas-prices-drop-another-3-cents-in-pennsylvania/article_820283e0-ae1e-11ee-9d2c-8f4ccaac83f6.html)

## **Waste**

Citizens Voice: Not mandated to recycle, Wyoming Borough ends program over costs

[https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/not-mandated-to-recycle-wyoming-borough-ends-program-over-costs/article\\_e69c8609-538f-50fa-91b4-7c0da5bea657.html](https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/not-mandated-to-recycle-wyoming-borough-ends-program-over-costs/article_e69c8609-538f-50fa-91b4-7c0da5bea657.html)

Tribune-Review: Food 'rescuing' teams up nonprofits and businesses to reduce waste, hunger

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/food-rescuing-teams-up-nonprofits-and-businesses-to-reduce-waste-hunger/>

Post-Gazette: Stop whining

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2024/01/07/stop-whining/stories/202401050134>

Tribune-Democrat: Electronics collection event to be held in Somerset County

[https://www.tribdem.com/news/electronics-collection-event-to-be-held-in-somerset-county/article\\_f7ea431e-ab0c-11ee-97c3-6b2e5c0fa7ab.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/electronics-collection-event-to-be-held-in-somerset-county/article_f7ea431e-ab0c-11ee-97c3-6b2e5c0fa7ab.html)

Herald-Standard: Masontown teen starts his own junk removal business

[https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local\\_news/2024/jan/08/masontown-teen-starts-his-own-junk-removal-business/](https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2024/jan/08/masontown-teen-starts-his-own-junk-removal-business/)

## **Water**

Lancaster Newspapers: Manheim Borough appoints leaders, accepts \$425,000 grant for roadside storm drainage

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/manheim-borough-appoints-leaders-accepts-425-000-grant-for-roadside-storm-drainage/article\\_37dd7e02-aa93-11ee-be99-6f1df71425a5.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/manheim-borough-appoints-leaders-accepts-425-000-grant-for-roadside-storm-drainage/article_37dd7e02-aa93-11ee-be99-6f1df71425a5.html)

Herald-Standard: Construction of fish reefs completed on Monongahela River

[https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local\\_news/2024/jan/07/construction-of-fish-reefs-completed-on-monongahela-river/](https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2024/jan/07/construction-of-fish-reefs-completed-on-monongahela-river/)

WESA: Pennsylvania task force seeks public comment on flood insurance

<https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2024-01-05/pennsylvania-flood-insurance-public-comment>

Sunbury Daily Item: Tuesday storm could bring damaging winds, flooding

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/tuesday-storm-could-bring-damaging-winds-flooding/article\\_a95883b6-ae2f-11ee-8a98-3717970645ba.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/tuesday-storm-could-bring-damaging-winds-flooding/article_a95883b6-ae2f-11ee-8a98-3717970645ba.html)

Sayre Morning-Times: State officials seek public input on flood insurance access, affordability in Pa.

[https://www.morning-times.com/news/article\\_4109cc3f-43b2-5e2e-90c5-20b1e64aaa6b.html](https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_4109cc3f-43b2-5e2e-90c5-20b1e64aaa6b.html)

Fox 56: Senator Casey secures \$8M for flood prevention in Lycoming County

<https://fox56.com/news/local/senator-casey-secures-8m-for-flood-prevention-in-lycoming-county>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Council approves work on levee

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/01/council-approves-work-on-levee/>

Phillyburbs: Neshaminy Creek flooding in forecast as heavy rains, wind on way to Bucks County

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/2024/01/08/bucks-county-weather-rain-storm-neshaminy-creek-flooding>

Daily Local: Flood watch issued for southeastern PA this week: Next storm could bring up to 3 inches of rain

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2024/01/07/flood-watch-issued-for-southeastern-pa-this-week-next-storm-could-bring-up-to-3-inches-of-rain/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Bradford Era: Penn State Extension offers wide-ranging resources for pesticide applicators

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Beaver County Times: The impact of The Times on Beaver County

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/opinion/columns/2024/01/07/the-times-has-large-impact-on-beaver-county/71977117007/>

PublicSource: Slip sliding away: Federal funds buy out Pittsburgh homes under threat from landslides

<https://www.publicsource.org/landslides-pittsburgh-mount-washington-federal-funds-mayor-gainey-traffic/>

Tribune-Review: River Road from Apollo to Vandergrift reopens following widespread fuel spill

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/widespread-fuel-spill-shuts-down-river-road-from-apollo-to-vandergrift-hazmat-team-en-route/>

Daily Voice: Five More Possible Measle Exposures Reported In Philadelphia

<https://dailyvoice.com/pennsylvania/montgomery/five-more-possible-measle-exposures-reported-in-philadelphia/>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/penn-medicine-face-masking-guidelines-flu-covid-rsv/>