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## Top DEP Stories

### ***East Palestine Derailment***

WESA: EPA assures farmers that it's safe to grow food near East Palestine  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-06-20/epa-farmers-food-east-palestine>

New Castle News: Norfolk Southern to revitalize East Palestine Park  
[https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local\\_news/norfolk-southern-to-revitalize-east-palestine-park/article\\_2221221a-0f9a-11ee-8a0b-9b4a818521de.html](https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/norfolk-southern-to-revitalize-east-palestine-park/article_2221221a-0f9a-11ee-8a0b-9b4a818521de.html)

## Mentions

WESA: Secretive state climate talks stir discontent with Pennsylvania governor  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-06-21/shapiro-climate-talks-discontent-pennsylvania>

Renovo Record: It's finally raining and now your neighbor is flooding your property  
<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/96308>

Marcellus Drilling News: So-called environmental justice in PA redefined as everything (Opinion)  
<https://marcellusdrilling.com/2023/06/so-called-environmental-justice-in-pa-redefined-as-everything/>

## Air

The Guardian: Gas stoves emit benzene levels above secondhand smoke, US study finds  
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/jun/20/gas-stoves-benzene-levels-study>

## Climate Change

Tribune-Review: Carnegie Mellon gets \$3 million to advance decarbonization efforts of steel industry  
<https://triblive.com/local/carnegie-mellon-gets-3-million-to-advance-decarbonization-efforts-of-steel-industry/>

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Lebtown.com: Man with a plan: Governor Dick Park forester highlights regeneration efforts  
<https://lebtown.com/2023/06/21/man-with-a-plan-governor-dick-park-forester-highlights-regeneration-efforts/>

Lebtown.com: Friends share views concerning Gov. Dick Park during walk event with Mike Kuhn  
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Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Frick Park not place for sensory classroom

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-frick-park-not-place-for-sensory-classroom/>

Daily Local: Schuylkill River Sojourn paddlers park for the night in Pottstown [Photo gallery, Video]

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/06/20/schuylkill-river-sojourn-paddlers-park-for-the-night-in-pottstown-photo-gallery-video/>

Daily Local: Producing a partnership: Lettuce grown by students served in local restaurant

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/06/20/producing-a-partnership-lettuce-grown-by-students-served-in-local-restaurant/>

Daily Local: Oakbourne Park \$6 million improvements ongoing in Westtown

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/06/20/oakbourne-park-6-million-improvements-ongoing-in-westtown/>

Newtown Now: Officers Rescue Baby Ducks Stuck In Storm Drains

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Carlisle Sentinel: How you're watering the garden can help save water, money and plants, too

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FOX43: Commissioners aim to lift Lancaster County burn ban

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<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-lancaster-county-burn-ban-lifted/44282716>

Post-Gazette: The thirst is real: With Allegheny County under a drought watch, farmers say they're still OK — for now

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Morning Call: Are hydrogen-powered cars the future? Sen. Bob Casey touts Air Products' investments in clean energy

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Remediation continues at South Philly refinery site, making way for logistics hub

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/washington-county-fracking-pfas-forever-chemicals-water/44273337>

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Citizens' Voice: New disease threatening beech trees

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## **Waste**

Butler Eagle: Franklin Township to hold hazardous, electric waste collection

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Standard Speaker: White Haven council tackles solutions for borough trash issue

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abc27: Why Lower Paxton, like others, was 'forced to take to an automated' trash system it didn't want

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