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## **Mentions**

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Allegheny Front: Pennsylvania’s Endless Mountains region is one step closer to national recognition  
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WESA: Pittsburgh-area conservation projects get grants to help wildlife, climate  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-04-20/pittsburgh-conservation-grants-wildlife-climate>

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