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## **Top DEP Stories**

KDKA: Nearly century-old gasoline tanks found leaking under parking lot in Harrison Township  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/leaking-gas-tanks-harrison-township/>

Allegheny Front: Gov. Shapiro moves to keep 2 coal-fired power plants open in Western Pa., as energy demand from data centers grows  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/josh-shapiro-coal-fired-power-plants-data-centers-keystone-conemaugh/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Two coal-fired power plants avoid 2028 closure under consent decree with state  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/04/22/coal-fired-power-plants-consent-decree.html>

Tribune-Democrat: Shapiro admin supports continued operation of 2 coal-fired power plants  
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Meadville Tribune: Solar-powered city: Rooftop array now in service  
[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/solar-powered-city-rooftop-array-now-in-service/article\\_9fad4b79-545e-4e12-9dd6-7592ee2e6e47.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/solar-powered-city-rooftop-array-now-in-service/article_9fad4b79-545e-4e12-9dd6-7592ee2e6e47.html)

## **Mentions**

TribLive: Environmental group to state: Make sure Rustic Ridge has sufficient subsidence insurance  
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/environmental-group-to-state-make-sure-rustic-ridge-has-sufficient-subsidence-insurance/>

## **Air**

CBS News: Philadelphia region's air quality grades poorly in new report as pollution worsens  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/philadelphia-air-quality-pollution-american-lung-association/>

WFMZ: Reading gets low marks in 'state of the air' report  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-gets-low-marks-in-state-of-the-air-report/article\\_067a3d6e-3e2f-43c7-95cf-2a3aefa1bc07.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-gets-low-marks-in-state-of-the-air-report/article_067a3d6e-3e2f-43c7-95cf-2a3aefa1bc07.html)

## Climate Change

TribLive: Bruce Cooper: Planet Earth, we are a crew

<https://triblive.com/opinion/bruce-cooper-planet-earth-we-are-a-crew/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Could the insect apocalypse be fueling the decline in some migrating birds?

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2026/04/23/insects-birds-population-decline-scott-robinson-pittsburgh-research/stories/202604130075>

## Conservation and Recreation

WJAC: Cambria County completes 32-mile continuous loop project at Ghost Town Trail

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/ghost-town-trail-completes-32-mile-continuous-loop>

Erie Times: City Nature Challenge seeks people to explore, document nature

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2026/04/23/erie-pa-city-nature-challenge-records-plants-wildlife/89714605007/?tbref=hp>

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<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260423/saxonburg-cub-scouts-plant-trees-at-winfield-park-for-earth-day/>

Warren Times: Park planting kicks off Arbor Day event

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WJET-TV: Protecting Presque Isle's wetlands – Nonprofit seeks to eliminate invasive species

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Free Press Courier: Elkland talks Kizer Creek repairs

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The Progress: Sun shines on Envirothon at Irvin Park in Curwensville

[https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/sun-shines-on-envirothon-at-irvin-park-in-curwensville/article\\_f1ed6579-6ce3-4ebc-8257-dc934dfa101e.html](https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/sun-shines-on-envirothon-at-irvin-park-in-curwensville/article_f1ed6579-6ce3-4ebc-8257-dc934dfa101e.html)

Carlisle Sentinel: Study shows 3 options for Newville trail between Laughlin Mill, borough office

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Altoona Mirror: Ghost Town Trail extension completed

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## Data Centers

Pittsburgh Business Times: EQT poised to capture more data center power demand in its backyard  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/04/22/eqt-data-center-demand.html>

Bucks County Beacon: Township Supervisors Across Pennsylvania Urge Colleagues to Adopt Zoning for Data Centers  
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Bucks County Today: West Rockhill Supervisors Pass Data Center Ordinance Amid Concerns  
<https://bucksco.today/2026/04/west-rockhill-data-centers-ordinance/>

Patch.com: Fundraiser To Stop Data Centers In Limerick Canceled Over 'Significant Safety Concerns'  
<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/limerick/fundraiser-stop-data-centers-limerick-canceled-over-significant-safety>

WNEP: Zoning meeting postponed near East Stroudsburg  
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/monroe-county/venue-change-prompts-data-center-meeting-cancelled-east-stroudsburg-monroe-county/523-495d6ee4-26d9-4402-bc42-23e1657e5a86?tbref=hp>

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<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/04/21/ppl-acknowledges-expansion-is-based-on-proposed-data-center-projects/>

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Rocket-Courier: Susquehanna County Commissioners Approve Updated Data Center Regs  
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/susquehanna-county-commissioners-approve-updated-data-center-regs/>

Lebtown: Data centers, old comprehensive plan highlight Bethel Twp. planning session  
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Lancaster Farming: Center for Rural Pennsylvania Aims to Inform Public on Data Centers  
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ABC27: Rise in data centers powering demand for data protection  
<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania-politics/rise-in-data-centers-powering-demand-for-data-protection/>

## **Drought**

Lehighvalleylive: Fire weather concerns Thursday as warm, dry conditions develop

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2026/04/22/solar-credits-irs-keystone-research-center/stories/202604220086>

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## **Mining**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Post-Gazette captures national award for investigation of federal enforcement failures in coal mining

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Scranton Times: Lackawanna County recorded one of state's five West Nile deaths in 2025

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## **Waste**

FOX43: State lawmakers pass House Bill to regulate food waste fertilizers

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FOX43: Lancaster County turns trash into power, generating enough to support 25,000 homes while cutting greenhouse gases

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## **Water**

Times Leader: Second grant awarded to eliminate unpopular fencing barricade atop the levee in Edwardsville

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1739541/second-grant-awarded-to-eliminate-unpopular-fencing-barricade-atop-the-levee-in-edwardsville>

Chambersburg Public Opinion: Chambersburg postpones fluoride vote due to shortage

<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2026/04/22/flouride-volatility-leads-chambersburg-to-delay-vote-on-water-upgrade/89712293007/>

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WESA: Chemical leak at a West Virginia plant kills 2 people and sends 19 to hospital, officials say

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The Philadelphia Inquirer: Why weather apps' forecasts are so varied — even for what's happening right now

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CBSNews: Delaware residents being asked to keep eye out for mystery seeds in mail

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WHYY: 40 Years after Chernobyl: What caused the disaster — and how it changed nuclear energy

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Community-driven initiative returns following strong inaugural year

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<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/story/news/local/2026/04/23/400k-timber-mill-commons-honesdale/89713861007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epti=z117647p118550c118550e003500v117647d--76--b--76--&gca-ft=33&gca-ds=sophi>

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[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/berks-county-colleges-encourage-students-to-get-hands-on-for-earth-day/article\\_ba2f3738-1a56-461f-9f4d-761b875ba8bb.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/berks-county-colleges-encourage-students-to-get-hands-on-for-earth-day/article_ba2f3738-1a56-461f-9f4d-761b875ba8bb.html)