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## **Top DEP Stories**

PennLive: State officials use new PA athletic complex to pitch for hazardous waste cleanup funding  
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/04/state-officials-use-new-pa-athletic-complex-to-pitch-for-hazardous-waste-cleanup-funding.html>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Williamsport's new sports complex a 'phoenix rising from the ashes'  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/04/williamsports-new-sports-complex-a-phoenix-rising-from-the-ashes/>

WBRE: Landfill turns into baseball destination  
<https://www.2822news.com/news/landfill-turns-into-baseball-destination/amp/>

Meadville Tribune: Shapiro admin supports continued operation of two coal-fired power plants  
[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/shapiro-admin-supports-continued-operation-of-two-coal-fired-power-plants/article\\_87880099-8825-52de-aa09-117f7310574c.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/shapiro-admin-supports-continued-operation-of-two-coal-fired-power-plants/article_87880099-8825-52de-aa09-117f7310574c.html)

## **Mentions**

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: North Centre data center concerns aired  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/04/24/1/north-centre-data-center-concerns-airod>

Bradford Era: Bradford Sanitary Authority assesses new limits; customers face shutoffs  
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/04/23/bradford-sanitary-authority-assesses-new-limits-customers-face-shutoffs/>

## **Air**

WFMZ: New report gives failing air quality grades to Reading region  
[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/new-report-gives-failing-air-quality-grades-to-reading-region/article\\_e5db89b0-a688-4650-9476-ae8e1bd9673e.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/new-report-gives-failing-air-quality-grades-to-reading-region/article_e5db89b0-a688-4650-9476-ae8e1bd9673e.html)

## **Climate Change**

CBS3: While fighting for independence, John Adams dreaded Philadelphia summers. So how hot was it in 1776?  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/johns-adams-philadelphia-weather-america-250/>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

WHYY: Philadelphia to transform vacant lots into green community spaces under new pilot project  
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-vacant-lots-green-lotscapes/>

Tri-County Independent: Here's why you should fish with smaller nymphs in the summer months  
<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/videos/sports/outdoors/2026/04/24/euro-fishing-is-successful-if-you-know-when-to-change-pattern-sizes/89771443007/>

Tri-County Independent: 7 Reasons This Feeder Is Turning Thousands of American Backyards Into Hummingbird Paradise  
<https://go.besyner.com/feeder/adv1?cid=wlikukt7p4dfp9uh3qcf2fuu&affId=D5953AA3&c1=wlikukt7p4dfp9uh3qcf2fuu>

Lehighvalleylive: Fruit-growers estimate some 90-100% losses due to freeze in eastern Pa., northwest N.J.  
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2026/04/fruit-growers-estimate-some-90-100-losses-due-to-freeze-in-eastern-pa-northwest-nj.html>

Erie Times: 'Good ice cover' limits Presque Isle erosion. What a beach walk found  
<https://www.goerie.com/story/lifestyle/presque-isle/2026/04/01/presque-isle-state-park-beach-erosion-conditions/89408019007/>

WJET-TV: US Forest Service begins prescribed burns at Allegheny National Forest  
<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/us-forest-service-begins-prescribed-burns-at-allegheny-national-forest/>

## **Data Centers**

Philadelphia Sun: PA House passes two bills strengthening transparency requirements, community protections related to data centers  
<https://philasun.com/local/pa-house-passes-two-bills-strengthening-transparency-requirements-community-protections-related-to-data-centers/>

Lancaster Online: Rep. Izzy Smith-Wade-El joins calls for statewide moratorium on data centers  
[https://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/rep-izzy-smith-wade-el-joins-calls-for-statewide-moratorium-on-data-centers/article\\_f44d4c68-3887-4570-9a79-a294d52b7411.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/rep-izzy-smith-wade-el-joins-calls-for-statewide-moratorium-on-data-centers/article_f44d4c68-3887-4570-9a79-a294d52b7411.html)

Reading Eagle: Cumru Township passes Berks' first data center ordinance  
<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/04/23/cumru-township-passes-berks-first-data-center-ordinance/>

Lancaster Farming: Center for Rural Pennsylvania Aims to Inform Public on Data Centers  
[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/center-for-rural-pennsylvania-aims-to-inform-public-on-data-centers/article\\_57a03dd9-be95-4cf3-937c-5ea7e2662e3c.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/center-for-rural-pennsylvania-aims-to-inform-public-on-data-centers/article_57a03dd9-be95-4cf3-937c-5ea7e2662e3c.html)

WITF: Pa.'s largest coal-fired power plants would stay open until 2032 in proposed DEP deal  
<https://www.witf.org/2026/04/23/pa-s-largest-coal-fired-power-plants-would-stay-open-until-2032-in-proposed-dep-deal/>

Bradford Era: High costs, long timelines for network upgrades scrap power projects

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/04/23/report-high-costs-long-timelines-network-upgrades-scrap-power-projects/>

## **Waste**

Coal Region Canary: Residents Speak Out Against BRADS Landfill as Burma Road Land Deal Comes to Light

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Road cleanup volunteers needed

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/04/23/3/road-cleanup-volunteers-are-needed>

York Daily Record: J&K owner says EPA report vindicates him. Not quite, says Riverkeeper

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/04/23/jk-owner-says-epa-report-vindicates-him-the-riverkeeper-disagrees/89749626007/>

Lancaster Farming: Ag Policy Roundup: Processing Waste Bill Advances and Ag Lawmakers Debate Prediction Markets

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/ag-policy-roundup-processing-waste-bill-advances-and-ag-lawmakers-debate-prediction-markets/article\\_bbcec33e-6369-489f-aaf6-2666e5e9aa6b.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/ag-policy-roundup-processing-waste-bill-advances-and-ag-lawmakers-debate-prediction-markets/article_bbcec33e-6369-489f-aaf6-2666e5e9aa6b.html)

## **Water**

WOLF: Wilkes-Barre to see \$2.3 million water system upgrade to aging pipes, including Horton St

<https://fox56.com/news/local/wilkes-barre-to-see-23-million-water-system-upgrade-to-aging-pipes-including-horton-st>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Soaking rains on a windy Saturday may improve drought conditions — but ruin some outdoor plans

<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/rain-drought-penn-relays-weather-philadelphia-20260424.html>

CBS3: Drought conditions in Philadelphia region worsen amid recent record-setting warmth. Here's what to know

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/drought-monitor-philadelphia-new-jersey-delaware/>

Pennlive: TMI owners want 66% more river water. Locals say big tech is profiting while they pay the price

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/04/tmi-owners-want-66-more-river-water-locals-say-big-tech-is-profiting-while-they-pay-the-price.html>

ABC27: Residents weigh in on water use proposal tied to Three Mile Island restart

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/residents-weigh-in-on-water-use-proposal-tied-to-three-mile-island-restart/>

CBS21: Three Mile Island seeks 73M gallons from Susquehanna for data center as PA drought looms  
<https://local21news.com/news/local/three-mile-island-nuclear-plant-requests-daily-73m-gallon-from-susquehanna-river>

FOX43: Crane Clean Energy Center requests pulling more water out of the Susquehanna River  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/dauphin-county/crane-clean-energy-center-requests-pulling-more-water-out-of-the-susquehanna-river/521-cd2d789f-ff29-4ee5-ad9c-f12a325363aa>

WICU-TV: Water Issues Persist in Warren County Mobile Home Parks  
[https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/water-issues-persist-in-warren-county-mobile-home-parks/article\\_b11ff55e-ffdc-4d2b-a76a-dd6a6ec686cd.html](https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/water-issues-persist-in-warren-county-mobile-home-parks/article_b11ff55e-ffdc-4d2b-a76a-dd6a6ec686cd.html)

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Morning Call: What roads and bridges will PennDOT work on in the Lehigh Valley this year?  
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Philadelphia Sun: City announces opening of the 2026 Community Resilience and Environmental Justice Fund  
<https://philasun.com/local/city-announces-opening-of-the-2026-community-resilience-and-environmental-justice-fund/>

The Times Herald: Montgomery County approves \$2.28 million in trail project contracts  
<https://www.timesherald.com/2026/04/23/montgomery-county-approves-2-28-million-in-trail-project-contracts/>

Pennlive: Planting a tree for Arbor Day? Think about what our climate will be like  
<https://www.pennlive.com/gardening/2026/04/planting-a-tree-for-arbor-day-think-about-what-our-climate-will-be-like.html>

Pennlive: Pennsylvania's Allegheny Mountain deserves a tunnel, not a scar  
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2026/04/pennsylvanias-allegheny-mountain-deserves-a-tunnel-not-a-scar-opinion.html>