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Mentions

WJAC: Soil health demonstrations featured at 2026 Penn State Ag Progress Days

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Data Centers

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Morning Call: From fundraising to petitions, here's how Lehigh Valley communities are pushing back against data center proposals

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Morning Call: Upper Mount Bethel sets meeting to consider data center agreement with developers

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