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Top DEP Stories

Lock Haven Express: Tis the season for sustainability: Tips from DEP this holiday season
<https://www.lockhaven.com/opinion/columns/2022/12/tis-the-season-for-sustainability/>

Mentions

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<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/wayne-county/residents-still-without-water-after-oil-spill-in-wayne-county-honesdale-water-well-colleen-connolly-department-of-environmental-protection/523-3fcd282d-6c38-4684-b5ca-0a08e32dcd0c>

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2022/12/19/better-path-coalition-dep-settlement.html>

Air

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/richland-township-asphalt-plant-construction-halted-during-appeal-process#>

Gazette 2.0: Air quality groups adding additional monitors with grants
<https://www.gazette20.com/post/air-quality-groups-adding-additional-monitors-with-grants>

Tribune-Review: Environmental group finds high benzene levels at homes near U.S. Steel plants in Mon Valley
<https://triblive.com/business/environmental-group-finds-high-benzene-levels-at-homes-near-u-s-steel-plants-in-mon-valley/>

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2022/12/19/mon-valley-blast-furnace-remains-temporarily-idled.html>

Climate Change

Pennlive: The Arctic is getting rainier and seasons are shifting, with broad disturbances for people, ecosystems and wildlife
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https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/dcnr-to-allow-e-bikes-on-state-forest-biking-roads-trails/article_c3839b6c-7d4e-11ed-8ef7-ff89a27e2d91.html

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https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/state-park-winter-outings-begin-on-new-years-day/article_2864fd32-7b6a-11ed-b613-738e1e2c08cd.html

Renovo Record: Pa. farmers, producers urged to participate in USDA Census of Agriculture
<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/89952>

Conservation and Recreation

Reading Eagle: PA Ag Department announces farm preservation that includes Berks, Chester and Montgomery counties
<https://www.readingeagle.com/2022/12/16/pa-announces-farm-preservation-that-includes-berks-chester-montgomery-counties/>

WTAJ: Pennsylvania state parks to host 'First Day Hikes'
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/pa-outdoors/participate-in-pennsylvania-dcnrs-first-day-hikes-at-local-state-parks/>

Post-Gazette: Nearly every country signs on to a sweeping deal to protect nature
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2022/12/19/biodiversity-cop15-plan-protect-2030-30-percent-land-water-loss-un-montreal/stories/202212190079>

Drought

WNEP: A look back at 2022's weather: From snow squalls to drought
<https://www.wnep.com/article/weather/a-look-back-at-2022s-weather-wilkes-barre-scranton-international-airport-record-snow-squalls-heat-hot-drought-ice-hurricane-agnes/523-8ef97b02-009e-4303-8679-4ff8e0e7b17b>

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https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/gas-prices-drop-10-cents-per-gallon-across-state-4-cents-in-meadville-area/article_a78f4b86-7fbf-11ed-bde6-7fe232e604ef.html

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<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article270052522.html>

Water

Carlisle Sentinel: Mount Holly Springs seeks \$5.5 million state grant to develop new water supply system
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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/lawyer-speaks-out-on-the-sunoco-pipeline-construction-lawsuit-in-jackson-township#>

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<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2022/12/sewage-rates-to-increase-in-elizabeth-twp/>

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<https://www.ehn.org/plastic-pollution-regulations-2658964356.html>

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