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Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Executive Council Approves Revised Restoration Agreement; Gov. Shapiro Elected Chair

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/12/chesapeake-bay-watershed-executive.html>

PoliticsPA: Shapiro named chair of Chesapeake Executive Council

<https://www.politicspa.com/shapiro-named-chair-of-chesapeake-executive-council/145092/>

CBS News: Chesapeake Bay Executive Council approves revised agreement on Bay restoration after meeting in Baltimore

<https://www.cbsnews.com/baltimore/news/chesapeake-bay-agreement-restoration-goals-maryland-delaware-pennsylvania/>

Mentions

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Developers break ground on historic Esplanade project

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2025/12/01/esplanade-north-side-ferris-wheel-groundbreaking/stories/202512010085>

Tribune-Review: 1 year after sinkhole death, Unity residents live in fear of mine subsidence

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/1-year-after-sinkhole-death-unity-residents-live-in-fear-of-mine-subsidence/>

Air

Allegheny Front: Trump reverses course on coke oven rule for toxic air pollution, granting 2-year waivers to comply

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/trump-coke-oven-rule-waivers-us-steel-air-pollution/>

Data Centers

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pushback mounts as data centers flourish in Pennsylvania

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/11/30/data-centers-pennsylvania/stories/202511300043>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Former coal plant site in Springdale sold for \$14.3M to make way for massive data center

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/12/02/springdale-data-center-allegheny-dc-propco.html>

Pennlive: Central Pa. residents tepid on construction of data centers in the region: poll
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/12/central-pa-residents-tepid-on-construction-of-data-centers-in-the-region-poll.html>

Carlisle Sentinel: Cumberland County plans to host data center forum in early 2026
https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article_8c9b3c3f-7539-4437-9a37-9621b025fd99.html

Bucks County Beacon: PennFuture to Host Virtual Webinar Uncovering the Truth Behind AI Data Center Development Scheme in Pennsylvania
<https://buckscountybeacon.com/2025/12/pennfuture-to-host-virtual-webinar-uncovering-the-truth-behind-ai-data-center-development-scheme-in-pennsylvania/>

Energy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pitt's planned EV charging stations in Panther Hollow met with pushback from community
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/transportation/2025/11/29/university-of-pittsburgh-ev-charging-stations-panther-hollow/stories/202511260085>

WESA: Need help with utility bills? LIHEAP opens Wednesday in Pennsylvania
<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2025-12-02/utility-bill-assistance-liheap-pennsylvania>

Tribune-Review: Why your electric bill is rising this winter and how to prepare
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/why-your-electric-bill-is-rising-this-winter-and-how-to-prepare/>

Bradford Era: Focus of environmental policy shifts to lawmakers after Pa. exits clean energy compact
<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/12/01/focus-environmental-policy-shifts-lawmakers-pa-exits-clean-energy-compact/>

Daily Local News: LIHEAP applications being accepted beginning Dec. 3
<https://www.dailylocal.com/2025/12/02/liheap-applications-being-accepted-beginning-dec-3/>

Mining

Tribune-Review: Kenneth Pollard speaks of initial shock, lasting regret over wife's death in sinkhole fall
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/kenneth-pollard-speaks-of-initial-shock-lasting-regret-over-wifes-death-in-sinkhole-fall/>

Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: Tenaris bets big on Koppel steel plant's future in oil and gas pipe production

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/11/27/tenaris-koppel-plant-investments-future.html>

Water

Mon Valley Independent: Elizabeth Twp. hydrant replaced after failing during fire
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/12/02/elizabeth-twp-hydrant-replaced-after-failing-during-fire/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Who ensures Western Pa. fire hydrants are working — or even available? The answer can be complicated
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2025/11/29/fire-hydrants-pennsylvania-pittsburgh/stories/202511250056>

Tribune-Review: Majority of easements signed for Greensburg's Northmont flood control project
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/greensburg-signs-most-easements-for-northmont-flood-control-project/>

Butler Eagle: Jackson Township eyes stormwater improvements as part of 5-year capital plan
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20251202/jackson-township-eyes-stormwater-improvements-as-part-of-5-year-capital-plan/>

Lancaster Online: Public has four chances to weigh in on proposed Lancaster water rate hike of nearly 30%
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/public-has-four-chances-to-weigh-in-on-proposed-lancaster-water-rate-hike-of-nearly/article_e6d19001-a13c-452f-81c3-9e9397e8a445.html

CBS21: Capital Region issues Boil Water Advisory for some Harrisburg Residents
<https://local21news.com/news/local/capital-region-issues-boil-water-advisory>

CBS21: Veolia Water Company facing formal complaint following months of discolored water
<https://local21news.com/news/local/sdhfkljvmfds>

FOX43: Boil-water advisory issued for portion of Harrisburg
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/dauphin-county/capital-region-water-boil-advisory-market-walnut-streets-harrisburg/521-4cddda62-18aa-4a30-8eb7-2be320febe89>

CBS3: Pennsylvania residents call steep sewer bill hike unreasonable: "We're not taking 15 more showers"
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/pennsylvania-sewer-bill-increase/>

WPXI: ACCD continues efforts to improve water quality of rivers, streams in Western PA
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/accd-continues-efforts-improve-water-quality-rivers-streams-western-pa/JEUEZHWQVREYNMXA4SM23SHFQA/>

Miscellaneous

Observer-Reporter: Delivery truck plunges into creek in Chartiers Township

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/dec/02/delivery-truck-plunges-into-creek-in-chartiers-township/>

WFMZ: PennDOT urges caution as region braces for Tuesday's storm

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/pennsylvania/penn-dot-urges-caution-as-region-braces-for-tuesday-s-storm/article_56c2ff5d-4b23-48de-9dda-63db8869a1ac.html#tncms-source=More-from-newsroom-\(right-column\)](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/pennsylvania/penn-dot-urges-caution-as-region-braces-for-tuesday-s-storm/article_56c2ff5d-4b23-48de-9dda-63db8869a1ac.html#tncms-source=More-from-newsroom-(right-column))

Morning Call: Warmer Temperatures Mean Less Snow expected in Lehigh Valley

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/12/02/winter-storm-lehigh-valley/>

WBRE: Winter weather alerts for Pa. in effect until Tuesday night

<https://www.2822news.com/weather/severe-winter-storm-watch-issued-for-tuesday/>

Scranton Times: Maryland-based firm buys properties in Stauffer Industrial Park

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Reading Eagle: Ground broken on 5 million-square-foot industrial center in southern Berks

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/12/02/ground-broken-on-5-million-square-foot-industrial-center-in-southern-berks/>

CBS3: Philadelphia to begin construction on cruise ship terminal opening in April 2026

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/philadelphia-norwegian-cruise-line-2026-bermuda-philaport/>

WHYY: What to do if you find injured, sick or orphaned wildlife in Philadelphia

<https://whyy.org/articles/wildlife-philadelphia-injured-animals/>

Pottstown Mercury: AI's impact could worsen gaps between world's rich and poor, a UN report says

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/12/02/ai-impact/>