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## Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: For the first time in 20 years, a Pa. governor leads the Chesapeake Executive Council  
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/12/for-the-first-time-in-20-years-a-pa-governor-is-named-chair-of-the-chesapeake-executive-council.html>

Lancaster Online: Gov. Shapiro to lead multi-state Chesapeake Bay group, amid waterway's health dip  
[https://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/gov-shapiro-to-lead-multi-state-chesapeake-bay-group-amid-waterway-s-health-dip/article\\_0a6eb8c9-ad83-4cc4-b476-d595a7511e67.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/gov-shapiro-to-lead-multi-state-chesapeake-bay-group-amid-waterway-s-health-dip/article_0a6eb8c9-ad83-4cc4-b476-d595a7511e67.html)

Lancaster Farming: Chesapeake Bay Leaders Approve Next Phase of Cleanup, Shapiro to Chair Executive Council  
[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/chesapeake-bay-leaders-approve-next-phase-of-cleanup-shapiro-to-chair-executive-council/article\\_b208f663-dc75-406b-9268-f94724e76e16.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/chesapeake-bay-leaders-approve-next-phase-of-cleanup-shapiro-to-chair-executive-council/article_b208f663-dc75-406b-9268-f94724e76e16.html)

WITF: Gov. Shapiro to lead multi-state Chesapeake Bay group, amid waterway's health dip  
<https://www.witf.org/2025/12/02/gov-shapiro-to-lead-multi-state-chesapeake-bay-group-amid-waterways-health-dip/>

Pa Environment Digest Blog: \$168,000 In Lake Erie Coastal Zone Grants, \$580,000 In Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone Grants To Protect And Restore Coastal Resources  
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/12/dep-awards-168000-in-lake-erie-coastal.html>

WJET-TV: Erie County receives over \$168k to help the Lake Erie Coastal Zone  
<https://www.yourerie.com/digital-first/digital-exclusive/erie-county-receives-over-168k-to-help-the-lake-erie-coastal-zone/>

WICU: State Funds Aimed at Protecting Lake Erie Coastal Zone  
[https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/state-funds-aimed-at-protecting-lake-erie-coastal-zone/article\\_7a5b9b3a-7858-4454-92e9-96047036c8d8.html](https://www.erienewsnow.com/news/state-funds-aimed-at-protecting-lake-erie-coastal-zone/article_7a5b9b3a-7858-4454-92e9-96047036c8d8.html)

## Mentions

Tribune-Review: Stumping the dump: Pittsburgh mulls ban on waste transfer stations near homes  
<https://triblive.com/local/stumping-the-dump-pittsburgh-mulls-ban-on-waste-transfer-stations-near-homes/>

Republican Herald: Lake Wynonah drawn down for seepage, dam issues  
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/12/02/lake-wynonah-drawn-down-for-seepage-dam-issues/>

Meadville Tribune: Cambridge Springs considers wells as water source

[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cambridge-springs-considers-wells-as-water-source/article\\_4ac2410d-64cd-41d6-8261-e2380a5fc7db.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cambridge-springs-considers-wells-as-water-source/article_4ac2410d-64cd-41d6-8261-e2380a5fc7db.html)

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Southern to decide on tanks; District must refurbish or replace water vessels at cost of up to \$2M

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120125/page/1/story/southern-to-decide-on-tanks>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Berwick targets water woes; Council OKs \$406,814 to sewer authority to cut sediment, pollutants

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/112825/page/1/story/berwick-targets-water-woes>

Bucks Independence: Doylestown Borough Climate Action Plan (DCAP) comment period and public meeting

<https://www.bucksindependence.com/doylestown-borough-climate-action-plan-dcap-comment-period-and-public-meeting/>

Pottstown Mercury: Boyertown Landfill contamination meeting set for Dec. 10

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/12/03/boyertown-landfill-contamination-meeting-set-for-dec-10/>

## **Upper Makefield Pipeline**

PGI Online: Congressmen Propose Bipartisan Pipeline Safety Reform Bill After Pennsylvania Jet Fuel Leak

<https://pgionline.com/news/2025/december/congressmen-propose-bipartisan-pipeline-safety-reform-bill-after-pennsylvania-jet-fuel-leak>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Tribune-Review: Oldest tree in Allegheny County stands a little mightier after Eagle Scout project

<https://triblive.com/local/oldest-tree-in-allegheny-county-stands-a-little-mightier-after-eagle-scout-project/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: 8 bird species are showing up more often for winter in the Pittsburgh area

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/12/03/pittsburgh-winter-birds-christmas-bird-count/stories/202512020052>

Lancaster Online: Urge PennDOT to choose US Route 30/10 bypass option that protects as much land as possible

[https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/urge-pennDOT-to-choose-us-route-30-10-bypass-option-that-protects-as-much-land/article\\_940121e3-7f04-48b6-a942-9f38e6fab218.html](https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/urge-pennDOT-to-choose-us-route-30-10-bypass-option-that-protects-as-much-land/article_940121e3-7f04-48b6-a942-9f38e6fab218.html)

York Dispatch: Cedar Hill Farms in York County preserves land for next generation

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/picture-gallery/news/local/2025/12/02/york-county-pennsylvania-warrington-township-farmland-preservation/87573802007/>

Lebtown: West Lebanon Township begins process for Coleman Memorial Park connection

<https://lebtown.com/2025/12/03/west-lebanon-township-begins-process-for-coleman-memorial-park-connection/>

Record-Argus: State launches survey to guide future of Presque Isle

[https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/state-launches-survey-to-guide-future-of-presque-isle/article\\_a839f4d0-e8ec-44c9-9a38-7669a3d93a20.html](https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/state-launches-survey-to-guide-future-of-presque-isle/article_a839f4d0-e8ec-44c9-9a38-7669a3d93a20.html)

Sharon Herald: Shapiro named chair of Chesapeake group that protects bay, watershed

[https://www.sharonherald.com/cnhi\\_network/shapiro-named-chair-of-chesapeake-group-that-protects-bay-watershed/article\\_cd30fb93-1822-5f4c-80f2-efbfb6671f16.html](https://www.sharonherald.com/cnhi_network/shapiro-named-chair-of-chesapeake-group-that-protects-bay-watershed/article_cd30fb93-1822-5f4c-80f2-efbfb6671f16.html)

Wellsboro Gazette: Wellsboro grad discovers fern subspecies, names it after local teachers

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## **Data Centers**

Axios: Pennsylvania carves out space in data center race

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/12/03/pittsburgh-pennsylvania-gas-data-center-boom>

Morning Call: Proposed zoning Change in Macungie draws big crowd, leading council to postpone meeting

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/12/02/macungie-meeting/>

## **Energy**

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Danville Airport to get solar panels

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/112925/page/1/story/danville-airport-to-get-solar-panels>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Energy supply prices to increase Dec. 1

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Bucks County Beacon: Governor Shapiro Pulled Pennsylvania Out of Regional Carbon Market to Appease Republicans. Critics Say 'He Got Rolled'

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/waymo-expanding-self-driving-rides-to-philadelphia/>

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LehighValleyNews: Expert warns stream relocation could trigger sinkholes at Easton mega-warehouse site

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## **PFAS**

Bucks County Herald: High levels of PFAS found in some Wrightstown wells

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## **Vector Management**

theAlmanac: Tick bites can result in serious health problems

<https://www.thealmanac.net/news/2025/nov/03/tick-bites-can-result-in-serious-health-problems/>

## **Waste**

WFMZ: Palmer residents could face 40% cost increase for trash services, officials caution

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/easton-area/palmer-residents-could-face-40-cost-increase-for-trash-services-officials-caution/article\\_c80bba51-6381-4e0e-b279-7fd4241bd53b.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/easton-area/palmer-residents-could-face-40-cost-increase-for-trash-services-officials-caution/article_c80bba51-6381-4e0e-b279-7fd4241bd53b.html)

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: New fee schedules for transfer station and landfill in the new year

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## **Water**

Tribune-Review: Morning Roundup: Water main break in Mt. Lebanon; bear spotted in Pine

<https://triblive.com/local/south-hills/morning-roundup-water-main-break-in-mt-lebanon-bear-spotted-in-pine/>

WPXI: Major water main break in Mount Lebanon leaves dozens of customers without water

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/major-water-main-break-shuts-down-road-mount-lebanon/TGGM3E4JYJEF7PY7ALIBCSGALQ/>

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Lewistown Sentinel: Potential sewer rate increase discussed

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2025/12/potential-sewer-rate-increase-discussed/>

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Elkland Authority meeting moves closer to transition

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Town asked to pay sewer costs: Scrapping 'gentleman's agreement' to cost \$5G a year, official says

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/12/city-of-williamsport-to-cut-over-750k-in-capital-projects-spending/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Plan to drain Rose Valley Lake delayed

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## **Miscellaneous**

WESA: Rifle deer hunting season has begun in Pennsylvania, ends Dec. 13

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-12-02/rifle-deer-hunting-season>

Lancaster Farming: Christmas Tree Penn State Extension Educator Strengthens State's Tree Industry

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WTaj: DCNR announces lease with PA Wilds, gift shops to open at two state parks

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Storm response a mix: Town uses Erie-area method; PENNDOT uses tons of salt

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