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Top DEP Stories

StateImpact: At DEP budget hearing, some legislators focus on Pa.'s effort to join RGGI
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2021/02/24/at-dep-budget-hearing-some-legislators-focus-on-pa-s-effort-to-join-rggi/>

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<https://www.wesa.fm/post/dep-budget-hearing-some-legislators-focus-pas-effort-rejoin-rggi#stream/0>

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<https://triblive.com/local/state-grant-will-fund-green-stormwater-projects-in-wilkinsburg/>

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<https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/pa-dep-grants-fund-16-chargers-for-electric-vehicles/651548.html>

Transportation Today News: Pennsylvania targets statewide electric vehicle use
<https://transportationtodaynews.com/news/21562-pennsylvania-targets-statewide-electric-vehicle-use/>

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Milton Standard-Journal: Nicholas Meat at odds with state environmental agency
https://www.standard-journal.com/news/local/article_0dff0443-086b-53b7-95ff-eeb9836ef99a.html

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2021/02/24/Pittsburgh-bike-lanes-infrastructure-MoveForwardPGH-Shadyside-Squirrel-Hill-transportation-projects/stories/202102240166>

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<https://triblive.com/local/north-hills/letter-to-the-editor-figure-out-how-to-live-with-deer/>

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<https://triblive.com/local/regional/cambria-county-native-named-director-of-pa-game-commissions-southwest-region/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2021/02/17/Demand-less-plastic-Lisa-Scherer/stories/202102170168>

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