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## **Top DEP Clips**

Altoona Mirror: Area water projects to get DEP funds

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Times Leader: DEP announces more than \$5M for local water clean-up projects

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Times Leader: \$433K grant awarded to the Warrior Creek Stream Restoration Project

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Berks Weekly: Berks projects selected in 'Growing Greener' local water clean up program

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