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Top DEP Stories

Butler Eagle: Code Orange Air Quality Action Day for ozone declared in Butler County

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240729/code-orange-air-quality-action-day-for-ozone-declared-in-butler-county/>

Times Leader: Shapiro Administration secures nearly \$400M to create jobs, cut pollution

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Mentions

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Times Observer: Our opinion: Cutting DEP backlog is only the first step

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Post-Gazette/Inside Climate News: A new national spotlight shines on Josh Shapiro's environmental record

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/07/29/josh-shapiro-environmental-record-vp-fracking-environment-dimock/stories/202407290052>

Air

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WHET-TV: 'It's fantastic, it always is' Discover Presque Isle wraps 30th celebration of park discovery
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Next Pittsburgh: What Pittsburgh city parks will look like in 10 years
<https://nextpittsburgh.com/next10/what-will-pittsburgh-parks-of-the-future-look-like/>

Lancaster Online: Pa. Game Commission planning to expand gamelands in northern Lancaster County
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York Daily Record: A new bridge and updated trail access offers fresh hiking experience around Lake Williams
<https://www.ydr.com/story/life/wellness/2024/07/30/new-lake-williams-dam-is-settling-into-a-new-hiking-experience/74591228007/>

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Volunteers help immensely throughout Rider Park
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Drought

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Energy

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Shamokin News-Item: County plans to relaunch redevelopment authority to aid fight against blight

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Mining

Gant News: PA could be a lithium gold mine if the tech catches up

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Oil and Gas

WHYY: Climate activists want a seat at the table when it comes to PGW's budget. The city has a proposal to prevent that

<https://whyy.org/articles/clean-energy-advocates-philadelphia-gas-works-budget/>

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Vector Management

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Water

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Analytics firm Pace acquires Indiana's Environmental Services Laboratories
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/07/29/pace-analytical-services-acquires-esl.html>

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