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## Top DEP Stories

The Conservation Lantern: DEP and PGC host falcon banding livestream event (page 20)  
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/4693e36e-428e-4463-aeaa-fae0cf41dc5e>

## Mentions

Daily Courier: Community wants halt to Rustic Ridge expansion  
[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/community-wants-halt-to-rustic-ridge-expansion/article\\_b804dda2-47a2-4eff-8261-552a71b2aec5.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/community-wants-halt-to-rustic-ridge-expansion/article_b804dda2-47a2-4eff-8261-552a71b2aec5.html)

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Water crisis could bankrupt Laceyville  
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/water-crisis-could-bankrupt-laceyville/>

## Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: How flinging crickets in the air helped save purple martins in Western Pa.  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/07/03/purple-martins-pennsylvania/stories/202506260121>

Tribune-Democrat: PHOTO GALLERY | 'It's a huge relief': Ebensburg pool reopens after pump repairs  
[https://www.tribdem.com/news/photo-gallery-its-a-huge-relief-ebensburg-pool-reopens-after-pump-repairs/article\\_42d8dbb6-365a-4e60-bd25-8d193fe0fb1d.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/photo-gallery-its-a-huge-relief-ebensburg-pool-reopens-after-pump-repairs/article_42d8dbb6-365a-4e60-bd25-8d193fe0fb1d.html)

KDKA: Pittsburgh-area campgrounds fill up ahead of Fourth of July  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/campground-fourth-of-july-pittsburgh-area/>

Allegheny Front: Recreational barge comes to Pittsburgh's North Side to bring people to the riverfront  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/shore-thing-recreational-barge-pittsburgh-riverlife/>

Butler Eagle: Cranberry Township kick-starts greenways project  
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250703/cranberry-township-kick-starts-greenways-project/>

Times-Observer: New boat launch opens on Allegheny  
<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/07/new-boat-launch-opens-on-allegheny/>

The Meadville Tribune: Two beaches closed at Pymatuning State Park  
[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/two-beaches-closed-at-pymatuning-state-park/article\\_6df7f84d-5320-4870-ac55-43d9b7ee46be.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/two-beaches-closed-at-pymatuning-state-park/article_6df7f84d-5320-4870-ac55-43d9b7ee46be.html)

Lehigh Valley News: Easton achieves Bird Town Pennsylvania certification

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/easton-achieves-certification-through-bird-town-pennsylvania>

Wyoming County Examiner: West Falls Access to remain open; officials will monitor for unlawful activity

<https://www.wcexaminer.com/2025/07/02/west-falls-access-to-remain-open-officials-will-monitor-for-unlawful-activity/>

Levittown Now: PA Offers Free Fishing On Independence Day

<https://levittownnow.com/2025/07/03/pa-offers-free-fishing-on-independence-day/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Expert throws shade at the heat: Berwick man says choosing, planting trees can help keep your home cool

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/070325/page/1/story/expert-throws-shade-at-the-heat>

## **Energy**

Altoona Mirror: Peoples Natural Gas rate drops

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-business/2025/07/briefcase-1041/>

WNEP 16: Natural gas leak prompts power to be shut off around Public Square in Wilkes-Barre

<https://www.wnep.com/video/news/local/luzerne-county/natural-gas-leak-prompts-power-to-be-shut-off-around-public-square-in-wilkes-barre/523-e0d16e1a-22ea-4e15-af48-ab902a50cbf7>

FOX 56 WOLF: Natural gas leak forces Wilkes-Barre officials to shut power, urge public to avoid area

<https://fox56.com/news/local/natural-gas-leak-forces-wilkes-barre-officials-to-shut-power-urge-public-to-avoid-area>

FOX 56 WOLF: Without power, but not in the dark: Wyoming Valley Mall remains transparent with outage

<https://fox56.com/news/local/without-power-but-not-in-the-dark-wyoming-valley-mall-remains-transparent-with-outage>

Philly Voice: Environmental groups challenge Trump administration's order to keep Delco power plant open

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/environmental-groups-file-legal-challenge-over-delco-power-plants-restart/>

## **Mining**

Republican Herald: Pa. Anthracite Council asks for tariffs to preserve coal industry

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/07/02/pa-anthracite-council-asks-for-tariffs-to-preserve-coal-industry/>

## **Oil and Gas**

Allegheny Front: Court rules against Allegheny County township that allowed fracking near homes  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/fracking-allegheny-county-elizabeth-township-zoning/>

WESA: A Pennsylvania fracking report had 8 recommendations. 5 years later, few have been implemented  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-07-03/fracking-pennsylvania-recommendations-not-implemented>

## **Vector Management**

Axios: Stomp till they drop: Lanternflies return  
<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/07/03/spotted-lanternflies-pittsburgh>

The Herald: Mosquitoes bugging you? Exterminator offers advice  
[https://www.sharonherald.com/news/mosquitoes-bugging-you-exterminator-offers-advice/article\\_48806173-d7ab-4ac0-83e3-d7b9a4b3685d.html](https://www.sharonherald.com/news/mosquitoes-bugging-you-exterminator-offers-advice/article_48806173-d7ab-4ac0-83e3-d7b9a4b3685d.html)

Carlisle Sentinel: 2nd mosquito tests positive for West Nile virus in Cumberland County  
[https://cumberlink.com/news/local/article\\_f0b4a34d-f0a8-46b1-8803-ff6a27239bf3.html](https://cumberlink.com/news/local/article_f0b4a34d-f0a8-46b1-8803-ff6a27239bf3.html)

CBS21: Cumberland County finds second mosquito with West Nile virus  
<https://local21news.com/newsletter-daily/cumberland-county-finds-first-mosquito-with-west-nile-virus-this-year-south-middleton-township-carlisle-airport-symptoms-treatment-prevention-health-pennsylvania-pa#>

WGAL: West Nile Virus: Two mosquitoes test positive in Central Pennsylvania  
<https://www.wgal.com/article/west-nile-virus-cumberland-county-pennsylvania/65281256>

## **Waste**

WTAJ: Landfill in Somerset set to close by the end of the year  
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/landfill-in-somerset-set-to-close-by-the-end-of-the-year/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Trash and frustrations mount, but talks resume, as the DC 33 strike continues  
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/dc33-strike-philadelphia-trash-parker-20250702.html?variant=2>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: In a 'union town,' Philly residents debate whether using trash drop-off sites is crossing a picket line  
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia-strike-trash-picket-lines-dc33-20250702.html?variant=2>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly strike updates: No deal as work stoppage enters third day; residents fed up with trash drop-off sites  
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/live/philadelphia-strike-dc-33-trash-services-updates-20250703.html?variant=2>

NBC10: Live updates: Piles of trash growing on day 3 of Philly workers union strike

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/afscme-district-council-dc-33-workers-union-strike-day-3-philadelphia/4225199/>

KYW: Philadelphia officials accuse striking workers of blocking city facilities, throwing trash

<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/philadelphia-accuses-dc-33-strike-workers-blocking-city-facilities-throwing-trash>

WHYY: Philadelphia union workers have standoff with authorities at trash dump amid second day of strike

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-afscme-dc33-worker-strike-trash/>

Philadelphia Magazine: The Trashing of Philadelphia Continues

<https://www.phillymag.com/news/2025/07/03/philadelphia-strike-trash-pickup/>

Patch.com: Latest Details On Philadelphia's Response To District Council 33 Strike

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/philadelphia/latest-details-philadelphias-response-district-council-33-strike>

Patch.com: Illegal Trash Dumpers Warned By Bensalem Mayor

<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/bensalem/illegal-trash-dumpers-warned-bensalem-mayor>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Free kayak trip to be part of river cleanup

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/070325/page/11/story/free-kayak-trip-to-be-part-of-river-cleanup>

## **Water**

Daily Courier: Agreement signed to acquire Indian Creek Valley Water Authority

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Tribune-Review: Upper Burrell goes back to the drawing board on rules for injection wells

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/upper-burrell-goes-back-to-the-drawing-board-on-rules-for-injection-wells/>

Pennlive: Harrisburg utility offers \$1.4 billion plan to cut sewage overflows into Susquehanna

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/07/harrisburg-utility-offers-14-billion-plan-to-cut-sewage-overflows-into-susquehanna.html>

Lancaster Online: Here's how much rain fell on parts of Lancaster County over the past 48 hours

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/here-s-how-much-rain-fell-on-parts-of-lancaster-county-over-the-past-48/article\\_02f08a3d-09c9-4946-86a5-03e573cc2838.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/here-s-how-much-rain-fell-on-parts-of-lancaster-county-over-the-past-48/article_02f08a3d-09c9-4946-86a5-03e573cc2838.html)

CBS21: Veolia Water customers disappointed after water main break amid ongoing water issues

<https://local21news.com/news/local/veolia-water-customers-disappointed-after-water-main-break-amid-ongoing-water-issues-wandering-way-suquehanna-township#>

FOX43: More water discoloration problems on tap for some Veolia Water customers in Harrisburg area  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/dauphin-county/veolia-water-main-break-susquehanna-township-lower-paxton-discoloration/521-26f3fb32-2c1f-4290-a594-b0cee2a47905>

WGAL: Dauphin County water main break impacts local townships  
<https://www.wgal.com/article/dauphin-county-water-main-break-impacts-local-townships-pennsylvania/65280989>

Tri-County Independent: Honesdale council hires engineer, aiming to fix stormwater problems  
<https://mmajunkie.usatoday.com/story/news/local/2025/06/28/honesdale-hires-engineer-ruzanski-stormwater-problems-flooding/84355827007/>

NorthcentralPA.com: \$200,000 granted to Susquehanna U for stormwater management research  
[https://www.northcentralpa.com/education/200-000-granted-to-susquehanna-u-for-stormwater-management-research/article\\_09e71fd4-be76-473e-ae4a-8c1548ba83fb.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/education/200-000-granted-to-susquehanna-u-for-stormwater-management-research/article_09e71fd4-be76-473e-ae4a-8c1548ba83fb.html)

### **Miscellaneous**

WJAC: Somerset County receives over \$75,000 total in relief after May flooding  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/somerset-county-receives-over-50000-in-disaster-relief-after-may-flooding#>

Bucks County Today: Shapiro Administration Grants \$700K to Bucks County Farms, Food Manufacturers  
<https://bucksco.today/2025/07/shapiro-administration-farm-food-grant/>