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## Top DEP Stories

Observer-Reporter: CNX receives state grant for mobile fueling units

[https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local\\_news/2025/jul/21/cnx-receives-state-grant-for-mobile-fueling-units/](https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local_news/2025/jul/21/cnx-receives-state-grant-for-mobile-fueling-units/)

Daily Item: Snyder, Union counties to receive flood recovery funds

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/snyder-union-counties-to-receive-flood-recovery-funds/article\\_4d75cbd7-bc6a-4fc1-aba9-b857191c9287.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/snyder-union-counties-to-receive-flood-recovery-funds/article_4d75cbd7-bc6a-4fc1-aba9-b857191c9287.html)

## Mentions

The Mon Valley Independent: Bartolotta bill would accelerate permitting for Pa. data centers

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Tub City Almanac: PA Mulls Stronger Rules on Methane Pollution

<http://almanac.tubecityonline.com/almanac/?e=3844>

Tribune-Review: An inside look at Plum's controversial fracking wastewater injection well

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/an-inside-look-at-plums-controversial-fracking-wastewater-injection-well/>

KDKA: High lead levels found were found in Blue Hole Creek. Officials believe they found the source.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/blue-hole-creek-high-lead-levels-source/>

The Express: Property owners in English Center struggle with state's bureaucracy

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/07/property-owners-in-english-center-struggle-with-states-bureaucracy/>

WBRE 28/22: \$6M+ secured for tropical storm flood recovery projects

<https://www.2822news.com/news/6m-secured-for-tropical-storm-debby-flood-recovery-projects/>

## Upper Makefield

The Reporter: Pennsylvania DEP says 260 gallons have been recovered so far in Upper Makefield fuel leak cleanup

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## **Air**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Trump exempts scores of plants from Biden's pollution rules

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/07/18/trump-plants-epa-biden-pollution/stories/202507180101>

## **Climate Change**

Daily Courier: A warming climate is changing growing conditions, shifting planting zones northward

[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/a-warming-climate-is-changing-growing-conditions-shifting-planting-zones-northward/article\\_72320df4-23d3-4aa8-90ae-b6c1b9371538.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/a-warming-climate-is-changing-growing-conditions-shifting-planting-zones-northward/article_72320df4-23d3-4aa8-90ae-b6c1b9371538.html)

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Daily Courier: Bees have some ways to cope with a warming Earth, but researchers fear for their future

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Axios: A guide to kayaking in Pittsburgh

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/07/21/kayak-guide-pittsburgh-summer>

StateCollege(dot)com: Bear Meadows Added to National Old-Growth Forest Network

<https://www.statecollege.com/articles/local-news/bear-meadows-added-to-national-old-growth-forest-network/>

Erie Times: This favorite Pa. fall foliage destination will reopen when leaves start to change colors

<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/07/20/kinzua-bridge-state-park-skywalk-fall-foliage/85255457007/?tbref=hp>

Corry Journal: Skywalk at Kinzua Bridge State Park to reopen for fall foliage viewing

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CBS21: Protecting preserved farmland: Development project puts multi-generational farm at risk

<https://local21news.com/news/local/multi-generational-farmers-spanning-300-years-land-at-risk-due-to-development-project-investigative-journalism-report-agriculture-farmers-farming-legislation-pennsylvania-pa-senate-house-government-bill-#>

WOLF56: Aguinaldo family shares harvest at Honey and Blueberry Festival

<https://fox56.com/news/local/aguinaldo-family-shares-harvest-at-honey-and-blueberry-festival>

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The Mon Valley Independent: Energy and innovation aren't the same as money and power

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/07/21/energy-and-innovation-arent-the-same-as-money-and-power/>

WESA: Solar for All program at risk in Pa. if state lawmakers don't act soon

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-07-21/solar-for-all-at-risk-pennsylvania-lawmakers>

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<https://extension.psu.edu/geothermal-energy-and-agriculture-in-pennsylvania>

Pennlive: Controversial data centers set for big expansion in Pa., some ask, at what cost?

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Pennlive: Energy summit aims to write a new narrative for Pennsylvania

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Lancaster Online: Colerain Township supervisors set regulations for solar and wind energy systems

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Carlisle Sentinel: Energy and tech companies said they're investing \$90B in Pa. What will they build?

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<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/news/local/west-nile-virus-detected-northeast-philadelphia-pennypack-park>

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Standard Speaker: Hazleton trash transfer station wins zoning approval

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CBS3: DC 33 wraps up voting on tentative deal with Parker administration, results expected to be released Monday

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/philadelphia-district-council-33-voting-results/>

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