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Top DEP Stories

York Daily Record: Judge denies Riverkeeper's request to close J&K Salvage after DEP action
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<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/03/25/jk-salvage-owner-denies-clean-water-law-violations-in-court-filing/89316815007/>

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Mentions

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<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/lehigh-county/2026/03/planning-review-for-35b-eli-lilly-plant-addresses-traffic-environment-in-lehigh-valley.html>

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/allegheny-valley-joint-sewage-treatment-plants-odor-problem-persists-despite-efforts/>

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Climate Change

KDKA: Pittsburgh has rainiest March in nearly 60 years as flooding causes issues across area
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/flooding-washington-westmoreland-counties/>

WHYY: Sneezing, runny nose, itchy eyes: Allergy symptoms start earlier with climate change
<https://whyy.org/articles/allergy-season-climate-change/>

Conservation and Recreation

WNEP: Community garden soon to grow in Luzerne County
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/community-garden-soon-to-grow-luzerne-county-kingston/523-4821f6ea-96cf-4908-b0e3-47317d518cb5>

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<https://fox56.com/news/local/blue-mountains-pond-skim-the-perfect-sendoff-to-the-2526-ski-season>

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<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260327/friends-of-preston-park-foundation-announces-fundraising-activities/>

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/03/landscape-architect-services-awarded-for-youngs-woods-park-makeover/>

Data Centers

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/03/27/data-center-homer-city-energy-campus-corey-hessen.html>

WFMZ: 26 bills and counting: Pa. legislators play catch-up as data center proposals flood the state
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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Plan calls for 12 data centers; QTS Salem tells township planners it bought more land
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/03/27/1/plan-calls-12-data-centers>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/03/25/3/amazon-donates-area-community-projects>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/03/25/1/officials-defend-changes-data-center-rules>

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TribLive: Impact of rising diesel prices spreads through economy, professor says
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/impact-of-rising-diesel-prices-spreads-through-economy-professor-says/>

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My Chesco.com: Geothermal Bill Advances, Could Reshape PA Energy Future

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North Penn Now: Montgomery County seeks bids on regional renewable energy program
<https://northpennnow.com/news/2026/mar/30/montgomery-county-seeks-bids-on-regional-renewable-energy-program/>

Lancaster Online: 'I'm all for any form of alternative energy,' East Hempfield official says as board OKs solar panels
https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/im-all-for-any-form-of-alternative-energy-east-hempfield-official-says-as-board-oks/article_7c5e3ddf-25fa-402c-a017-50d3f43d9dbb.html

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<https://www.wgal.com/article/hearings-set-to-take-place-on-potential-ugi-rate-increase/70876263>

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WGAL: Tanker truck crash shuts down bridge, spills milk into nearby waterway

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