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Top DEP Stories

Penn State News: Environmental efforts earn Master Watershed Steward program high honors; 2022 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences/story/environmental-efforts-earn-master-watershed-steward-program-high-honors/>

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Lock Haven Express: BE Twp. talks Suburban Water connections

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Lock Haven Express: Renovo Energy Center not the kind of help we need (LTE)

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Renovo Record: Leadership Clinton County Learns about Environment & Agriculture

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High Path Avian Influenza

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Tribune-Review: Dave Murray: What would I give up for a climate emergency?

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Tribune-Review: AHN, county create 'ecotherapy trail' in North Park

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