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## **Top DEP Stories**

PA House.com: Bizzarro: Erie environmental education efforts get \$35,000 boost

<https://www.pahouse.com/Bizzarro/InTheNews/NewsRelease/?id=134172>

WICU-TV: Erie Schools Awarded Nearly \$10K in Environmental Education Grants

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/50813431/erie-schools-awarded-nearly-dollar10k-in-environmental-education-grants>

## **Mentions**

Shamokin News-Item: \$1.5 million EPA grant awarded to SEDA-COG for environmental assessment in Northumberland, 10 other counties

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## **East Palestine Train Derailment**

Post-Gazette: Court grants preliminary approval to \$600 million East Palestine settlement

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Beaver County Radio: Deluzio Priority to Waive Federal Taxes on Railroad Payments for Victims of East Palestine Derailment Passes House

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<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/clairton-coke-works-coke-oven-rules-hazardous-polluton-benzene/>

PublicSource: Allegheny County should let Clean Air Fund money flow to projects, audit says

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## Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: Allegheny National Forest ATV trails open Friday

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/allegheny-national-forest-atv-trails-open-friday/article\\_ae88dd96-17b5-11ef-ba99-370f47c657cb.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/allegheny-national-forest-atv-trails-open-friday/article_ae88dd96-17b5-11ef-ba99-370f47c657cb.html)

Record-Argus: CP students examine marine habitats as part of field trip

[https://www.recordargusnews.com/community/cp-students-examine-marine-habitats-as-part-of-field-trip/article\\_a8fa22c2-17a6-11ef-ab33-c3ad6275b573.html](https://www.recordargusnews.com/community/cp-students-examine-marine-habitats-as-part-of-field-trip/article_a8fa22c2-17a6-11ef-ab33-c3ad6275b573.html)

WHYY: Inside the century-long effort to protect the Wissahickon

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Renovo Record: Outdoor recreation gets another state-sponsored pitch

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/111234>

Sunbury Daily Item: Four work during volunteer day at Turtle Creek Park

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/four-work-during-volunteer-day-at-turtle-creek-park/article\\_3a115c72-1535-11ef-a4b1-5b161033d923.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/four-work-during-volunteer-day-at-turtle-creek-park/article_3a115c72-1535-11ef-a4b1-5b161033d923.html)

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Butler Eagle: Moniteau sees savings through solar power

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## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Erie Times: Redevelopment authority lands cash to clean up old factories. How it will be spent  
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2024/05/22/contaminated-erie-industrial-properties-receive-epa-money-for-cleanup/73785322007/>

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<https://www.courthousenews.com/biden-administration-awards-300-million-to-decontaminate-polluted-lands/>

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<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/05/former-service-station-to-be-razed/>

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## **High Path Avian Influenza**

WICU-TV: As More Dairy Cattle Contract Avian Flu, Sen. Gillibrand Pushes for a Plan to Prevent Virus from Spreading  
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Tribune-Review: Indiana Township rezoning would accommodate fracking off Route 910  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/indiana-township-rezoning-would-accommodate-fracking-off-route-910/>

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## **Vector Management**

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