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Top DEP Stories

WKOK: Growing Greener Grants Highlight Union County Stream Restoration

<https://www.wkok.com/growing-greener-grants-highlight-union-county-stream-restoration/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: GTP Receives State Grant To Address Climate Change

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/gtp-receives-state-grant-to-address-climate-change/>

Mentions

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Laceyville’s water system “bleeding money”

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/laceyvilles-water-system-bleeding-money/>

Air

CBS21: Senate approves legislation to eliminate vehicle emissions testing

<https://local21news.com/news/local/senate-approves-legislation-to-eliminate-vehicle-emissions-testing-car-central-pa-exhaust-cumberland-dauphin-lancaster-york>

Conservation and Recreation

WJAC: Community Foundation for the Alleghenies awards over \$287K to area nonprofits

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/community-foundation-for-the-alleghenies-awards-over-287k-in-spring-grants>

Tribune-Democrat: PennDOT adjusts Route 271 project to work around bald eagle nest

https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/penndot-adjusts-route-271-project-to-work-around-bald-eagle-nest/article_f0ead152-3c05-415c-bc3a-e90d5552b3cb.html

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: After 50 years, an iconic, 102-foot tower in North Park is finally on a path to reopening

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2026/05/07/north-park-observation-tower-restoration/stories/202605060035>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Bald Eagle Visits Earth Day Festival in Wysox

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/bald-eagle-visits-earth-day-festival-in-wysox/>

Data Centers

TribLive: Murrysville planning commission will tackle data center regulations

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/murrysville-planning-commission-will-tackle-data-center-regulations/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: McCormick touts data centers as economic engine for Pennsylvania

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/05/06/sen-mccormick-data-center-impact.html>

Pennlive: 'David and Goliath': Residents speak out against proposed central Pa. data center

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2026/05/david-and-goliath-residents-speak-out-against-proposed-central-pa-data-center.html>

Lancaster Online: Ephrata Township board sets new zoning rules to regulate data centers, backyard chickens

https://lancasteronline.com/news/ephrata/ephrata-township-board-sets-new-zoning-rules-to-regulate-data-centers-backyard-chickens/article_b6eb4ac4-f53f-48b7-a84e-38d41df4b66e.html

Lebtown: South Annville planning commission recommends denying petitioner's request

<https://lebtown.com/2026/05/07/south-annville-planning-commission-recommends-denying-petitioners-request/>

CBS21: 'We are not in support:' Monroe Township farm opposes proposed data center project

<https://local21news.com/news/local/we-are-not-in-support-monroe-township-farm-opposes-proposed-data-center-project>

Energy

TribLive: Sen. Dave McCormick wants to streamline permitting process for energy projects

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/mccormick-wants-to-streamline-permitting-process-for-energy-projects/>

WESA: Electricity grid manager PJM says developers are proposing 800+ new power projects

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-05-06/pjm-power-project-proposals>

Pittsburgh Business Times: McCormick hails Shippingport power plant conversion

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/05/06/frontier-group-shippingport-dave-mccormick.html>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Energy and artificial intelligence must move together, Sen. McCormick says during Western Pa. visit

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2026/05/06/bruce-mansfield-beaver-power-plant-energy-ai-mccormick/stories/202605060042>

Observer-Reporter: McCormick comes to Washington County to promote energy bill

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2026/may/06/mccormick-comes-to-washington-county-to-promote-energy-bill/>

Corry Journal: Corry Council denies Solar Flats application, citing property value concerns
https://www.thecorryjournal.com/news/article_99e23f5c-4669-48b9-a8eb-01a3c8aee974.html

Oil and Gas

WPXI: Local environmental groups using drone technology to find abandoned wells
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/local-environmental-groups-using-drone-technology-find-abandoned-wells/RTF37GIDNVFNNFBZPBRONELN5E/>

KDKA: Drone search for capped wells
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/video/drone-search-for-capped-wells/>

Radiation Protection

TribLive: Parks Township residents told more details about nuclear dump cleanup
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/parks-township-residents-told-more-details-about-nuclear-dump-cleanup/>

Vector Management

WJAC: UPJ & MAC researchers launch survey to test knowledge on ticks, disease prevention
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/upj-mac-researchers-launch-survey-to-test-knowledge-on-ticks-disease-prevention>

Waste

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Slim Pickings at Rainbow Cleanup
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/slim-pickings-at-rainbow-cleanup/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Meshoppen's Cleanup Day is Set for Next Month
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/meshoppens-cleanup-day-is-set-for-next-month/>

Water

Lebtown: Cornwall P&Z hears Cornwall Properties, Elizabethtown water authority updates
<https://lebtown.com/2026/05/07/cornwall-pz-hears-cornwall-properties-elizabethtown-water-authority-updates/>

Gettysburg Times: Littlestown water warning lifted after follow-up nitrate tests
https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/littlestown-water-warning-lifted-after-follow-up-nitrate-tests/article_ae5d7a1e-d248-493a-9a4b-8aab5bc74c7b.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Citizens: Dredging's overdue; Plan includes removing Fishing Creek islands, lowering part of Route 11

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/05/07/1/citizens-dredgings-overdue>

Miscellaneous

Sharon Herald: Tenant pulls out of proposed warehouse

https://www.sharonherald.com/news/local_news/tenant-pulls-out-of-proposed-warehouse/article_be533338-1967-479f-99b5-f275259671ba.html

Lancaster Farming: Ag Policy Roundup: Stormwater Ruling, Conservation Districts and ... Octopuses?

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/ag-policy-roundup-stormwater-ruling-conservation-districts-and-octopuses/article_dd88358d-3161-4253-bbfe-f2f999f1df61.html