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Top DEP Stories

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Pa. Department of Environmental Protection denies permit to drill in Loyalsock State Forest

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/05/pa-department-of-environmental-protection-denies-permit-to-drill-in-loyalsock-state-forest/>

Mentions

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Warren Times: Still at a trickle - Months into crisis, Tidioute boil advisory continues

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/05/still-at-a-trickle/>

Air

6abc: Our air quality matters for everyone

<https://6abc.com/post/should-care-air-quality-delaware-valley-regional-planning-commission/19044803/>

NBC10: Large fire in North Philly sends thick, black smoke into the air on Wednesday

<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/large-fire-in-north-philly-sends-thick-black-smoke-into-the-air-on-wednesday/4405141/>

Conservation and Recreation

Allegheny Front: Trump to eliminate U.S. Forest Service research, and close four facilities in Pennsylvania

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/trump-cuts-forest-service-research-pennsylvania/>

Tribune-Democrat: Somerset County seeking Great Allegheny Passage trail maintenance funds

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Record-Argus: Army Corps of Engineers holds third Water Safety Bonanza

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WICU-TV: Presque Isle Beaches Ready for Memorial Day Weekend

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<https://lebtown.com/2026/05/20/county-planning-and-mpo-awarded-1-6m-grant-for-rail-trail-improvements/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly climbs a notch in nation's parks ranking largely because of this new city open space

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/trust-public-land-park-open-space-rankings-philadelphia-20260520.html>

My Chesco.com: The Quiet Rhythm of Chester County's Struble Trail

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/lifestyle/outdoor-recreation/the-quiet-rhythm-of-chester-countys-struble-trail/>

Data Centers

WPXI: Residents urge officials not to allow data center on former race track property in Beaver County

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/residents-urge-officials-not-allow-data-center-former-race-track-property-beaver-county/A7M3JTYRRVBSRAKSWGKQEPZMF4/>

TribLive: East Deer looking to pursue data center regulations — just in case

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/east-deer-commissioners-look-to-regulate-potential-data-centers-in-township/>

Times Leader: Hazle Township data center developer announces community development package

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1742488/hazle-township-data-center-developer-announces-community-development-package>

Levittown Now.com: Falls Twp. Residents Push Back Against Under Construction Data Center

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Energy

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The Philadelphia Inquirer: Airco's new Bucks County factory will build machines that make jet fuel from air and electricity

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/airco-factory-new-britain-jet-fuel-20260519.html?query=Energy>

Vector Management

KDKA: Pittsburgh doctor warns about uptick in tick-borne diseases

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-increase-tick-borne-diseases/>

WTAE: Lyme disease cases rise in Pennsylvania, local officials urge precaution

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pa-residents-precautions-ticks-lyme-disease-cases-rise/71353386>

Lancaster Farming: Staying Safe From Mosquitoes This Summer

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Waste

WESA: Penn researchers are turning food scraps into building materials — from pineapple peels to celery stalks

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-05-20/food-scraps-building-materials>

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Water

WPXI: Water shoots from ground after main break in Pittsburgh neighborhood

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/water-shooting-ground-after-main-break-pittsburgh-neighborhood/BDREZKHP4NF7HIN3IYASENZ2EQ/>

York daily Record: West York District elementary dismissed early for water main break

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/05/19/west-york-district-school-closes-early-for-water-main-break/90161470007/>

CBS21: Water main break in York County causes early school dismissal, low water pressure

<https://local21news.com/news/local/water-main-break-in-york-county-lincolnway-elementary-school-causes-early-school-dismissal-low-water-pressure-york-water-company-west-manchester-spring-garden-tuesday>

FOX43: West York Area elementary school dismisses students early because of water main break in area

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/york-county/west-york-area-elementary-school-dismisses-students-early-water-main-break/521-45804d6a-6f84-4d2f-8264-391c1aad430f>

Miscellaneous

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/05/19/core-natural-resources-northrop-grumman.html>

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York Daily Record: Firefighters respond to dumpster fire at J&K Salvage
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/05/19/blaze-in-dumpster-prompts-response-at-jk-salvage/90157846007/>

WHYY: Early heat wave in Philadelphia region sparks concerns about heat-related illness
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-heat-wave-illness-safety-tips/>