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Top DEP Stories

RealClearPennsylvania: Pennsylvania's Clean Water Comeback (Op-Ed by Sens. Gene Yaw and Scott Martin)

https://www.realclearpennsylvania.com/articles/2025/10/17/pennsylvanias_clean_water_comeback_141663.html

Mentions

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Climate Change

Philly Voice: Pennsylvania abandons climate initiative to end five-month budget impasse

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/pennsylvania-rggi-exit-budget-deal-climate-emissions/>

Conservation and Recreation

WESA: How falling leaves have lasting impact in Pittsburgh's Point State Park and beyond

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-11-16/autumn-leaves-point-state-park>

Allegheny Front: For Smart, Social Crows, Pennsylvania is a Warm Winter Oasis

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/11/15/rooftop-solar-clean-energy-pennsylvania/stories/202511160097>

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Allegheny Front: It's not too late to take advantage of some federal clean energy tax credits

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The Philadelphia Inquirer: There's a reason electricity prices are rising

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/electricity-prices-ai-data-centers-infrastructure-equipment-disasters-weather-20251116.html>

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<https://whyy.org/articles/camden-county-waterways-sewage/>

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