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## Top DEP Stories

WICU: Non-flushable Items Causing Sewer System Problems Across Pa.

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/42069756/nonflushable-items-causing-sewer-system-problems-across-pa>

WJAC: Pennsylvania officials say non-flushable items causing problems in sewer systems

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pennsylvania-officials-say-non-flushable-items-causing-problems-in-sewer-systems>

CBS21: Pennsylvania officials say non-flushable items causing problems in sewer systems

<https://local21news.com/news/local/pennsylvania-officials-say-non-flushable-items-causing-problems-in-sewer-systems>

FOX43: State agency reminds Pennsylvanians to be careful of what they flush

<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/state-agency-reminds-pennsylvanians-to-be-careful-of-what-they-flush/521-5be58af9-583b-43e4-b666-4e290a2a3502>

## Mentions

NorthcentralPA.com: Former PA Gov. Tom Ridge: My fellow conservatives are out of touch on the environment (Opinion)

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/opinion/former-pa-gov-tom-ridge-my-fellow-conservatives-are-out-of-touch-on-the-environment/article\\_4cd8c424-85da-11ea-9682-97ddb83097ef.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/opinion/former-pa-gov-tom-ridge-my-fellow-conservatives-are-out-of-touch-on-the-environment/article_4cd8c424-85da-11ea-9682-97ddb83097ef.html)

## Air

WITF/StateImpact PA: Ex-EPA official: Rollback of Mercury and Air Toxics Standards 'forshadows what's to come'

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2020/04/28/ex-epa-official-rollback-of-mercury-and-air-toxics-standards-forshadows-whats-to-come/>

## Climate Change

Allegheny Front: Rust Belt and Midwest Cities Need to Plan on Many Fronts for New 'Climate Migrants'

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/rust-belt-and-midwest-cities-need-to-plan-on-many-fronts-for-new-climate-migrants/>

WITF: Two Pa. colleges hit carbon neutrality goals

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2020/04/29/two-pa-colleges-hit-carbon-neutrality-goals/>

## Conservation & Recreation

Standard-Speaker: New director of Hazleton's rail trail no stranger to local civic partnership

<https://m.standardspeaker.com/news/new-director-of-hazleton-s-rail-trail-no-stranger-to-local-civic-partnership-1.2623130>

Daily American: Poaching, graffiti and littering among concerns on game lands

[https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/local/somerset/poaching-graffiti-and-littering-among-concerns-on-game-lands/article\\_52de6c98-88f0-11ea-a1e9-f30fb592828a.html](https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/local/somerset/poaching-graffiti-and-littering-among-concerns-on-game-lands/article_52de6c98-88f0-11ea-a1e9-f30fb592828a.html)

Tribune-Review: Allegheny Land Trust provides nature webinars

<https://sewickley.triblive.com/allegheny-land-trust-provides-nature-webinars/>

Daily American: Pennsylvania Master Naturalist training in Westmoreland County

[https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/local/somerset/pennsylvania-master-naturalist-training-in-westmoreland-county/article\\_95e7916a-6f85-11ea-99d0-7fe2d3cdcad6.html](https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/local/somerset/pennsylvania-master-naturalist-training-in-westmoreland-county/article_95e7916a-6f85-11ea-99d0-7fe2d3cdcad6.html)

Tribune-Review: Pittsburgh opens community gardens, asks public to observe coronavirus guidelines

<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-allegheny/pittsburgh-opens-community-gardens-asks-public-to-observe-coronavirus-guidelines/>

WESA: Officials Urge Distancing On Riverfront Trails

<https://www.wesa.fm/post/officials-urge-distancing-riverfront-trails#stream/0>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Birds are soon stopping by in massive spring migrations

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2020/04/birds-are-soon-stopping-by-in-massive-spring-migrations/>

Centre Daily Times: Centre County residents turn to nature to de-stress, disconnect during COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/article242254356.html>

Ridgway Record: Rails to Trails announces youth activity (pg.1)

<https://www.ridgwayrecord.com/content/ridgway-record-wednesday-april-29-2020>

## **Energy**

Morning Call: Judge strikes plan to put wind turbines on Bethlehem Authority

<https://www.mcall.com/news/local/bethlehem/mc-nws-bethlehem-authority-turbine-appeal-20200429-jhjflx4bvvbkhiugto2jhiloa4-story.html>

Post-Gazette: With shutoffs on hold, utilities know their customers are struggling. But they don't know how much.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2020/04/29/utilities-shutoffs-moratorium-customers-assistance-Pittsburgh-Pennsylvania-COVID/stories/202004280135>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Republican-Herald: Mulch spill on Hegins Township road

<https://www.republicanherald.com/news/mulch-spill-on-hegins-township-road-1.2623155>

## **Oil and Gas**

Beaver County Times: Western Pennsylvania gasoline still above \$2 per gallon

<https://www.timesonline.com/news/20200428/western-pennsylvania-gasoline-still-above-2-per-gallon>

Observer-Reporter: Fuel costs decline again in Washington and region

[https://observer-reporter.com/business/fuel-costs-decline-again-in-washington-and-region/article\\_18319366-8951-11ea-9eed-1beeb59be4d3.html](https://observer-reporter.com/business/fuel-costs-decline-again-in-washington-and-region/article_18319366-8951-11ea-9eed-1beeb59be4d3.html)

Titusville Herald: AAA: Moderate drop at the pump, oil prices volatile (pg.3)

[https://www.titusvilleherald.com/eedition/wednesday\\_herald/page\\_484d4b14-8d43-5523-94cb-33d375370037.html](https://www.titusvilleherald.com/eedition/wednesday_herald/page_484d4b14-8d43-5523-94cb-33d375370037.html)

## **Vector Management**

Penn State News: First hatches reported: Spotted lanternfly expert provides tips

<https://news.psu.edu/story/617618/2020/04/28/impact/first-hatches-reported-spotted-lanternfly-expert-provides-tips>

## **Waste**

Observer-Reporter: Cross Creek Township to hold clean up days

[https://observer-reporter.com/living/cross-creek-township-to-hold-clean-up-days/article\\_aebbfca-85a9-11ea-b010-13bbff4e7e24.html](https://observer-reporter.com/living/cross-creek-township-to-hold-clean-up-days/article_aebbfca-85a9-11ea-b010-13bbff4e7e24.html)

Ridgway Record: Community taking advantage of recycling opportunities (pg.1)

<https://www.ridgwayrecord.com/content/ridgway-record-wednesday-april-29-2020>

## **Water**

Tribune-Review: Pittsburgh free water about to dry up, rough estimate puts cost as high as \$20 million

<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-alleggheny/pittsburgh-free-water-about-to-dry-up-rough-estimate-puts-cost-as-high-as-20-million/>

WJAC: Johnstown has agreement in place to sell sewer system for \$24M, officials say

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/johnstown-has-agreement-in-place-to-sell-sewer-system-fo-24m-officials-say>

DuBois Courier-Express: Punxsutawney locals awarded for protecting local watersheds

[http://www.thecourierexpress.com/coronavirus/punxsutawney-locals-awarded-for-protecting-local-watersheds/article\\_09732d2b-c8b1-5ec5-886c-1e9e57cf702a.html](http://www.thecourierexpress.com/coronavirus/punxsutawney-locals-awarded-for-protecting-local-watersheds/article_09732d2b-c8b1-5ec5-886c-1e9e57cf702a.html)

Sunbury Daily Item: Flood watch in effect for Thursday, Friday

[https://www.dailyitem.com/news/flood-watch-in-effect-for-thursday-friday/article\\_b06e5e86-8a0d-11ea-bdde-1b88b1dd860d.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/news/flood-watch-in-effect-for-thursday-friday/article_b06e5e86-8a0d-11ea-bdde-1b88b1dd860d.html)

## **Miscellaneous**

Daily American: Dairy farmers dump milk in unprecedented times

[https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/local/somerset/dairy-farmers-dump-milk-in-unprecedented-times/article\\_30d1ae4c-8974-11ea-96c8-37e5b078821a.html](https://www.dailyamerican.com/news/local/somerset/dairy-farmers-dump-milk-in-unprecedented-times/article_30d1ae4c-8974-11ea-96c8-37e5b078821a.html)

Post-Gazette: Route 837 reopens after cleanup of debris from Monday landslide

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/transportation/2020/04/28/Route-837-West-Mifflin-Dravosburg-landslide-cleared-reopens-after-one-day/stories/202004280103>

Post-Gazette: Earth event spread awareness to many

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/2020/04/29/Earth-event-spread-awareness-to-many/stories/202004290021>

Tribune-Review: Fire chief: No one inside vehicle submerged in Unity lake

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/vehicle-reported-submerged-in-unity-lake/>

Tribune-Review: Carnegie Science Center names virtual science fair winners

<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-allegheeny/carnegie-science-center-names-virtual-science-fair-winners/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Airport's \$1.1B terminal modernization delayed

[https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/04/28/exclusive-airports-1-1b-terminal-modernization.html?iana=hpmvp\\_pit\\_news\\_headline](https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/04/28/exclusive-airports-1-1b-terminal-modernization.html?iana=hpmvp_pit_news_headline)

Observer-Reporter: Work on new Peters Township High School continues on limited basis

[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/work-on-new-peters-township-high-school-continues-on-limited-basis/article\\_8e192ab4-a2a0-5c36-a36b-5cce0ec4b750.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/work-on-new-peters-township-high-school-continues-on-limited-basis/article_8e192ab4-a2a0-5c36-a36b-5cce0ec4b750.html)

Lancaster Newspapers: Do hollowed-out logs carry water or sewage through the city?

[https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/do-hollowed-out-logs-carry-water-or-sewage-through-the-city-the-scribbler/article\\_ae3d9c3a-8981-11ea-a103-33bf74076c08.html](https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/do-hollowed-out-logs-carry-water-or-sewage-through-the-city-the-scribbler/article_ae3d9c3a-8981-11ea-a103-33bf74076c08.html)

WICU: Healthy Living: Cleaning Chemical Dangers

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/42069598/healthy-living-cleaning-chemical-dangers>

Ridgway Record: The bear are awake and hungry (pg.1)

<https://www.ridgwayrecord.com/content/ridgway-record-wednesday-april-29-2020>