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## **Top DEP Stories**

Tribune-Democrat: Pa. wins \$14M fed award to study geothermal feasibility  
[https://www.tribdem.com/news/pa-wins-14m-fed-award-to-study-geothermal-feasibility/article\\_9f40ccec-ae7e-5e58-a17a-09caace9f89c.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/pa-wins-14m-fed-award-to-study-geothermal-feasibility/article_9f40ccec-ae7e-5e58-a17a-09caace9f89c.html)

## **Mentions**

Beaver County Times: Report assesses Lake Erie ecosystem. How you can help the Great Lake  
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/environment/2026/04/16/lake-erie-state-of-the-great-lakes-report-2025-how-to-help/89518672007/>

Tribune-Democrat: Water authority prepares for defense in class-action lawsuit over sewer project  
[https://www.tribdem.com/news/local\\_news/water-authority-prepares-for-defense-in-class-action-lawsuit-over-sewer-project/article\\_8a2728f2-312f-4c5b-99e1-73c097c206c2.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/water-authority-prepares-for-defense-in-class-action-lawsuit-over-sewer-project/article_8a2728f2-312f-4c5b-99e1-73c097c206c2.html)

Lehighvalleylive: State senator calls for moratorium on data centers in his eastern Pa. district  
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/lehigh-county/2026/04/state-senator-calls-for-moratorium-on-data-centers-in-his-eastern-pa-district.html>

The Derrick: Who will pay the water bill?; Aqua Pennsylvania mulls options after DEP-Petro Erie settle  
[https://www.thederrick.com/news/front\\_page/who-will-pay-the-water-bill-aqua-pennsylvania-mulls-options-after-dep-petro-erie-settle/article\\_f6773dd8-54ec-4bbc-a34b-f4b44b6eb824.html](https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/who-will-pay-the-water-bill-aqua-pennsylvania-mulls-options-after-dep-petro-erie-settle/article_f6773dd8-54ec-4bbc-a34b-f4b44b6eb824.html)

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Cooking oil spill closes Berwick street  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/04/16/1/cooking-oil-spill-closes-berwick-street>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

NorthcentralPA.com: Briar Creek Lake Park disc golf course's grand opening, first tournament this weekend  
[https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/briar-creek-lake-park-disc-golf-courses-grand-opening-first-tournament-this-weekend/article\\_99d9910f-abf7-481d-9c6d-e4566a7cd381.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/briar-creek-lake-park-disc-golf-courses-grand-opening-first-tournament-this-weekend/article_99d9910f-abf7-481d-9c6d-e4566a7cd381.html)

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Farm Bureau to hold environmental event April 29  
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/farm-bureau-to-hold-environmental-event-april-29/>

## **Data Centers**

WNEP: Monroe County community opposes possible data center

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/monroe-county/monroe-county-community-opposes-possible-data-center-tobyhanna-township/523-89076aa8-a890-44ec-b175-b56eb13c104b?tbref=hp>

WOLF: Tobyhanna Twp. Public Hearing draws crowd as residents challenge zoning ordinance

<https://fox56.com/news/local/tobyhanna-twp-public-hearing-draws-crowd-as-residents-challenge-zoning-ordinance>

Scranton Times: Developer of Archbald power plant, data centers proposes three Dickson City power plants

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/04/16/developer-of-archbald-power-plant-data-centers-proposes-three-dickson-city-power-plants/>

Meadville Tribune: Data center bills advance out of Pa. House

[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/data-center-bills-advance-out-of-pa-house/article\\_737210c6-0d65-5d60-84ba-6b74d4c63dff.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/data-center-bills-advance-out-of-pa-house/article_737210c6-0d65-5d60-84ba-6b74d4c63dff.html)

York Daily Record: A York County farmer's perspective in the data center dispute

<https://www.ydr.com/story/opinion/readers/2026/04/17/a-york-county-pa-farmers-perspective-in-the-data-center-dispute/89593854007/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Wysox supervisors approve data center regulations

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/wysox-supervisors-approve-data-center-regulations/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Montour County planners amend data center rules

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/04/17/1/montour-county-planners-amend-data-center-rules>

Philly Burbs: Upper Bucks supervisors OK new data center regulations amid outcry

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/business/real-estate/2026/04/17/west-rockhill-data-center-zoning-regulations-cathill-road-protest-ai/89623313007/>

## **Energy**

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Solar farm to help offset energy demand of four PPS schools

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2026/04/16/pittsburgh-public-schools-urban-redevelopment-authority-solar-farm/stories/202604160088>

Morning Call: Crash leads to power outage in Northampton County

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/04/16/power-outage-in-northampton-county-affecting-1500-customers/>

Lancaster Online: Muddy Run hydroelectric plant to test warning sirens in Lancaster, York counties

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/muddy-run-hydroelectric-plant-to-test-warning-sirens-in-lancaster-york-counties/article\\_1094dc59-e8f8-4f97-a4d4-076b0886ce6b.html?utm\\_source=asset\\_link&utm\\_medium=Local%20News&utm\\_campaign=user\\_choice](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/muddy-run-hydroelectric-plant-to-test-warning-sirens-in-lancaster-york-counties/article_1094dc59-e8f8-4f97-a4d4-076b0886ce6b.html?utm_source=asset_link&utm_medium=Local%20News&utm_campaign=user_choice)

WFMZ: PECO nixes rate increase proposal called 'pure greed' by governor

[https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/peco-nixes-rate-increase-proposal-called-pure-greed-by-governor/article\\_05f00b5a-8805-455f-8861-a9296adeecc.html](https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/peco-nixes-rate-increase-proposal-called-pure-greed-by-governor/article_05f00b5a-8805-455f-8861-a9296adeecc.html)

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## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

Lebtown: Ground broken for project to adapt and reuse part of old Bethlehem Steel plant

<https://lebtown.com/2026/04/17/ground-broken-for-project-to-adapt-and-reuse-part-of-old-bethlehem-steel-plant/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Leak spurs gas pump closure at Sheetz store

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/04/17/4/leak-spurs-gas-pump-closure-sheetz-store>

## **Radiation Protection**

TribLive: Parks Township nuclear waste cleanup expected to take 6 to 8 years

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/parks-township-nuclear-waste-cleanup-expected-to-take-6-to-8-years/>

## **Waste**

Latrobe Bulletin: Laurel Mountain Borough to consider taking on cost of sewer planning

[https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/laurel-mountain-borough-to-consider-taking-on-cost-of-sewer-planning/article\\_6bfe0d4a-287e-499c-8006-671e14e5d70c.html](https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/laurel-mountain-borough-to-consider-taking-on-cost-of-sewer-planning/article_6bfe0d4a-287e-499c-8006-671e14e5d70c.html)

Mon Valley Independent: West Mifflin to crack down on illegal dumping, clean up vacant properties

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/04/17/west-mifflin-to-crack-down-on-illegal-dumping-clean-up-vacant-properties/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Official: Burning trash ignited porch

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/04/16/3/official-burning-trash-ignited-porch>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Wyalusing to host community Spring Spruce-Up Day

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Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: State looking for groups to participate in Adopt-A-Highway

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/state-looking-for-groups-to-participate-in-adopt-a-highway/>

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Pennsylvania American Water completes \$8 million upgrade after dam removal drops river levels

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/04/16/pennsylvania-american-water-upgrade.html>

TribLive: Limits on commercial water use at Beaver Run Reservoir sought by environmental group

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/limits-on-commercial-water-use-at-beaver-run-reservoir-sought-by-environmental-group/>

Warren Times: Rapp: \$2.25M awarded to county water projects

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/04/rapp-2-25m-awarded-to-county-water-projects/>

Pennlive: The Potomac spill is a warning Harrisburg can't ignore

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2026/04/the-potomac-spill-is-a-warning-harrisburg-cant-ignore-opinion.html>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Some skeptical of flood plan; Fernville mitigation proposal would be first phase of Bloomsburg levee extension

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/04/17/1/some-skeptical-flood-plan>

NorthcentralPA.com: Rep. Hamm schedules town hall regarding Rose Valley Lake dam project

[www.northcentralpa.com/news/rep-joe-hamm-schedules-town-hall-regarding-rose-valley-lake-dam-project/article\\_9333cd18-39bf-40ec-a7ff-1ab4bdac86a5.html](http://www.northcentralpa.com/news/rep-joe-hamm-schedules-town-hall-regarding-rose-valley-lake-dam-project/article_9333cd18-39bf-40ec-a7ff-1ab4bdac86a5.html)

WHYY: Delaware lawmakers advance measure to protect state's wetlands

<https://whyy.org/articles/delaware-wetlands-protection-legislation/>

## **Miscellaneous**

WOLF: Amazing America: The Dennis Farm preserves untold African American history in NEPA

<https://fox56.com/news/local/amazing-america-dennis-farm-preserves-untold-african-american-history-in-nepa>

Pennlive: Why your grass seed isn't coming up and what you can do about it

<https://www.pennlive.com/gardening/2026/04/why-your-grass-seed-isnt-coming-up-and-what-you-can-do-about-it.html>

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[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/fire-crews-from-lancaster-york-counties-respond-to-west-hempfield-twp-brush-fire/article\\_6d6bef85-182b-408c-aa60-9af49358457d.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/fire-crews-from-lancaster-york-counties-respond-to-west-hempfield-twp-brush-fire/article_6d6bef85-182b-408c-aa60-9af49358457d.html)

Lancaster Farming: Next Big Thing for Manure? Aeration Adds Value, Subtracts Smell

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/ag-business/next-big-thing-for-manure-aeration-adds-value-subtracts-smell/article\\_57c9bb78-616d-4c41-b5dc-6f14fe5ef074.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/ag-business/next-big-thing-for-manure-aeration-adds-value-subtracts-smell/article_57c9bb78-616d-4c41-b5dc-6f14fe5ef074.html)

Altoona Mirror: Commissioners await environmental reports on proposed site for new Blair County Prison

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/04/blair-commissioners-new-prison-proposed-site-await-environmental-reports/>

ABC27: York County communities issue burn bans

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/york/york-county-communities-issue-burn-bans/>

CBS21: Crews battle wildfire near Chickies Rock in Lancaster County

<https://local21news.com/news/local/crews-battling-wildfire-near-chickies-rock-in-lancaster-county-west-hempfield-township-chickies-hill-road-breezyview-road-rt-30-pennsylvania-pa>

WGAL: Crews battle woods fire near Chickies Rock in Lancaster County

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pa-chickies-rock-woods-fire-west-hempfield/71042192>

ABC27: York to host fifth annual 'Go Green in the City' festival

<https://www.abc27.com/community/hometown-hero/york-to-host-fifth-annual-go-green-in-the-city-festival/>

Fox29: What is the mile-a-minute plant in Pennsylvania? Invasive weed to watch this spring

<https://www.fox29.com/news/what-is-mile-a-minute-plant-pennsylvania-invasive-weed-watch-spring>