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## **Top DEP Stories**

The Derrick: Venango Conservation receives grant

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[https://www.indianagazette.com/local\\_news/indiana-county-conservation-district-gets-nearly-300-000-in-dep-grants/article\\_bdbeabc4-e81b-11ef-b7de-1b89c5495e76.html](https://www.indianagazette.com/local_news/indiana-county-conservation-district-gets-nearly-300-000-in-dep-grants/article_bdbeabc4-e81b-11ef-b7de-1b89c5495e76.html)

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PennWatch: PA Announces Two Fellowship Programs Offering Career Experience in Public Service

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Lebanon Daily News: Lebanon County reports first outbreaks of bird flu, affecting 139,500 birds, officials say

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abc27: Bird flu cases on the rise in Pa. as the state expands testing, containment efforts

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WHYY: Trump funding freeze could leave communities on their own as climate threats grow

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