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## Top DEP Stories

WJAC: Pennsylvania DEP hosts public hearing: Residents speak out against Rutter's construction  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pennsylvania-dep-hosts-public-hearing-residents-speak-out-against-rutters-construction#>

Huntingdon Daily News: Residents express Rutter's concerns  
[https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/residents-express-rutters-concerns/article\\_4175f882-4cef-525d-8d76-800948b56807.html](https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/residents-express-rutters-concerns/article_4175f882-4cef-525d-8d76-800948b56807.html)

## Mentions

KDKA: Community members fighting water withdrawal proposal for Big Sewickley Creek  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/community-fighting-water-withdrawal-big-sewickley-creek/>

WPXI: Is your water safe? 11 Investigates Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority power problems  
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/investigates/11-investigates-pittsburgh-water-sewer-authority-power-problems/53GGYX3EGBCBRDGGAI4YIVXA/>

## East Palestine Derailment

WTAE: Norfolk Southern environmental consultant accused of 'questionable practices'  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/norfolk-southern-environmental-consultant-accused-of-questionable-practices/43795785>

WESA: Three months post-East Palestine derailment, deep anxiety lingers  
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-05-05/east-palestine-three-months>

## Air

York Dispatch: Breathing a little easier in York County  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/opinion/editorials/2023/05/04/breathing-a-little-easier-in-york-county/70182916007/>

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[https://www.tribdem.com/news/judge-creany-recuses-himself-from-asphalt-plant-decision/article\\_141b31b0-eaab-11ed-afd2-1f25aa8db6c3.html](https://www.tribdem.com/news/judge-creany-recuses-himself-from-asphalt-plant-decision/article_141b31b0-eaab-11ed-afd2-1f25aa8db6c3.html)

## Climate Change

Pittsburgh Business Times: CNX shareholders reject climate-change proposal that drew heated debate  
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/05/04/cnx-shareholders-reject-climate-change-proposal.html>

## Conservation and Recreation

York Daily Record: Wizard Ranch Nature Preserve in Hellam Township opens to the public with 2 hiking trails

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2023/05/04/wizard-ranch-nature-preserve-hellam-township-opens-joining-riverlands/70180434007/>

York Dispatch: New trails open at Wizard Ranch Nature Preserve

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2023/05/04/new-trails-open-at-wizard-ranch-nature-preserve/70184184007/>

Reading Eagle: Monocacy Hill Conservation Association encourages enjoyment of outdoors

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/05/05/conservation-association-offers-educational-programming-that-enjoyment-of-the-outdoors/>

Lancaster Farming: York County Neighbors Work Together to Purchase and Protect Farmland

[https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/ag-business/york-county-neighbors-work-together-to-purchase-and-protect-farmland/article\\_66a4e3b6-e8fa-11ed-bfb9-272d6402dd0a.html](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/ag-business/york-county-neighbors-work-together-to-purchase-and-protect-farmland/article_66a4e3b6-e8fa-11ed-bfb9-272d6402dd0a.html)

Lancaster Farming: Warehouses Compete With Farmland Preservation in New Jersey

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WTAJ: DCNR leaders visit state park in Centre County to outline need for funding

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Tribune-Democrat: Outdoor experience: Envirothon introducing Pennsylvania's wilds to area teens

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Tribune-Review: Bike to Work Day to offer free bikeshare rides, coupons, and beverages to cyclists

<https://triblive.com/local/bike-to-work-day-to-offer-free-bikeshare-rides-coupons-and-beverages-to-cyclists/>

Tribune-Review: Pine Community Park master plan update unveiled

<https://triblive.com/local/pine-creek/pine-community-park-master-plan-update-unveiled/>

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<https://www.butlereagle.com/20230505/gardening-class-to-begin-monday/>

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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/05/05/conservation-association-offers-educational-programming-that-enjoyment-of-the-outdoors/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/philly-naked-bike-ride-2023-date-20230504.html>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/new-jersey-pine-barrens-nature-conservancy-forked-river-mountain-20230504.html>

My ChesCo: Explore How Humans Interact With Nature at Crafting Nature Exhibit  
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/entertainment/arts-culture/explore-how-humans-interact-with-nature-at-crafting-nature-exhibit/>

WHYY: 'It's just gay.' A forest of fanciful cacti pops up in the Navy Yard  
<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-navy-yard-cacti-forest-matty-geez-art-installation/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Pocket park plan in jeopardy  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/050323/page/1/story/pocket-park-plan-in-jeopardy>

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Next Pittsburgh: These 24 local organizations will be honored for their commitment to sustainable energy  
<https://nextpittsburgh.com/environment/24-organizations-honored-for-their-commitment-to-sustainable-energy/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2023/05/04/westinghouse-electric-nuclear-plant-design-ap300-reactor/stories/202305040144>

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<https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/a-glimpse-into-history-molesevich-shows-how-fire-insurance-maps-can-be-used-to-research/>

## **Mining**

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Bloomberg: US Shale Drillers See Natural Gas Price Rebound in 2024 After Short-Lived Pain  
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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-05-05/renewable-energy-could-be-stored-in-idle-oil-wells-to-reach-net-zero?srnd=green&leadSource=verify%20wall>

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## **Vector Management**

Philadelphia Inquirer: The World Health Organization says the COVID pandemic is no longer an emergency  
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WTAE: Vehicle goes into lake in Westmoreland County  
<https://www.wtae.com/article/vehicle-goes-into-lake-in-westmoreland-county/43800763>

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<https://levittownnow.com/2023/05/05/coastal-flood-threat-possible-along-river/>

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[https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/local-water-testing-addresses-concerns-around-drinking-water/article\\_f6212ce8-e855-11ed-aabc-473f4b155661.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/community/local-water-testing-addresses-concerns-around-drinking-water/article_f6212ce8-e855-11ed-aabc-473f4b155661.html)

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/05/04/envirothon-returns-in-schuylkill-county/>

Carlisle Sentinel: Solar Sisters at St. Patrick School outshine others to qualify for national competition  
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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/05/04/shell-polymers-monaca-sawan-wael-ceo.html>

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Al Dia: Registration is now open for Verizon Innovative Learning STEM Achievers

<https://aldianews.com/en/leadership/advocacy/building-stem-dreams>

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