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## Top DEP Stories

WBRE: Pa. testing pilot program to shorten construction runoff permit approval

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/pa-testing-pilot-program-to-shorten-construction-runoff-permit-approval/>

## Mentions

WESA: Pa. Senate passes bill to let energy companies bypass state agencies for building permits

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-05-07/pa-senate-energy-companies-permits>

## Air

Philadelphia Inquirer: Operating rooms are major sources of greenhouse gasses. Penn is eliminating a form of anesthesia that hangs in the air for more than a decade after use.

<https://www.inquirer.com/health/penn-medicine-desflurane-use-environment-20240507.html>

## Climate Change

Philadelphia Inquirer: The CO2 Coalition, a source of climate change misinformation in Pa., wants us to love carbon dioxide

<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/pennsylvania/climate-change-global-warming-carbon-dioxide-co2-coalition-20240507.html>

WVIA: 'Extreme' pollen counts, climate change fuel Pa. allergy misery

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2024-05-06/050624allergies>

## Conservation and Recreation

Bradford Era: McKean County Conservation District holds legislative tour

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/mckean-county-conservation-district-holds-legislative-tour/article\\_0db87098-0be9-11ef-83f1-a39d59a36120.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/mckean-county-conservation-district-holds-legislative-tour/article_0db87098-0be9-11ef-83f1-a39d59a36120.html)

Bradford Era: Workshop to cover sustainable timber harvesting

[https://www.bradfordera.com/news/workshop-to-cover-sustainable-timber-harvesting/article\\_391fb5fe-0971-11ef-ae20-4bdf28a8adc0.html](https://www.bradfordera.com/news/workshop-to-cover-sustainable-timber-harvesting/article_391fb5fe-0971-11ef-ae20-4bdf28a8adc0.html)

WICU-TV: Migrating Birds Eat, Sleep and Get Banded at Presque Isle: The Last Word

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/50751554/migrating-birds-eat-sleep-and-get-banded-at-presque-isle-the-last-word>

Philly Burbs: Speak up, and check out the plans for the new Levittown Trail

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/2024/05/07/levittown-trail-levittown-parkway-millcreek-pinewood-walking-trails-bucks-county-planning-commission>

Impacto: Celebrating the Arrival of Spring with the Philadelphia Area's 37 Gardens

<https://www.impactomedia.com/nacion/enterate/celebrando-la-llegada-de-la-primavera-con-los-37-jardines-del-area-de-filadelfia/>

Lancaster Newspapers: Middle Creek to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day on May 11

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/middle-creek-to-celebrate-world-migratory-bird-day-on-may-11/article\\_b7abcc52-0bae-11ef-aa1d-77bbadf30f15.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/middle-creek-to-celebrate-world-migratory-bird-day-on-may-11/article_b7abcc52-0bae-11ef-aa1d-77bbadf30f15.html)

WESA: As spring flowers bloom, Callery pear trees can no longer be planted in Pa.

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-05-06/callery-pear-tree-ban-pennsylvania>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Bill Bower on nature: It's the time of year to protect trees

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2024/05/bill-bower-on-nature-its-the-time-of-year-to-protect-trees/>

Lock Haven Express: City to host design day for Hoberman Park on May 9

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/05/city-to-host-design-day-for-hoberman-park-may-9/>

WVIA: Out-of-state air force grounds plan for low flyovers above PA Wilds

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2024-05-03/out-of-state-air-force-grounds-plan-for-low-flyovers-above-pa-wilds>

## **Energy**

DV Journal: TOMB: Shapiro Energy Policy Is a Formula for Expensive Electricity

[https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/tomb-shapiro-energy-policy-is-a-formula-for-expensive-electricity/#google\\_vignette](https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/tomb-shapiro-energy-policy-is-a-formula-for-expensive-electricity/#google_vignette)

WITF/StateImpact: Pa. Senate passes bill to change permit reviews for energy projects

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/05/06/pa-senate-passes-bill-to-change-permit-reviews-for-energy-projects/>

## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

WJET-TV: Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful catches Shapiro Administration's eye at annual award show

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/pennsylvania-news/keep-pennsylvania-beautiful-catches-shapiro-administrations-eye-at-annual-award-show/>

My ChesCo: Pennsylvania Moves to Combat Childhood Lead Poisoning with Senate Bill 514

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-moves-to-combat-childhood-lead-poisoning-with-senate-bill-514/>

Carlisle Sentinel: Restaurant, grocery store in development at former Masland site in Carlisle  
[https://cumberlink.com/news/local/carlisle-pompeii-restaurant-grocery-store-masland-iac-site-development-carlisle-events/article\\_8dd5c988-0bd5-11ef-8631-4ba554e7220c.html#tracking-source=home-top-story](https://cumberlink.com/news/local/carlisle-pompeii-restaurant-grocery-store-masland-iac-site-development-carlisle-events/article_8dd5c988-0bd5-11ef-8631-4ba554e7220c.html#tracking-source=home-top-story)

## **Oil and Gas**

Delco Times: Chester Township school evacuated for hazmat situation  
<https://www.delcotimes.com/2024/05/06/chester-township-school-evacuated-for-hazmat-situation/>

Chambersburg Public Opinion: Borough gets another \$5M to replace old pipes  
<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2024/05/06/us-dot-chambersburg-funding-replace-cast-iron-pipes/73538617007/>

WITF: One natural gas transport plan killed in New Jersey as one in Pa. forges ahead  
<https://www.witf.org/2024/05/06/one-natural-gas-transport-plan-killed-in-new-jersey-as-one-in-pa-forges-ahead/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Don't give your subsurface rights away (LTE)  
<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/letters/2024/05/dont-give-your-subsurface-rights-away/>

## **Vector Management**

FOX43: Warmer weather brings an earlier tick season  
<https://www.fox43.com/article/life/tick-season-ways-to-protect-yourself-pennsylvania/521-63831ae1-00ff-457b-a9b5-9a790fdf416a>

USA Today: Where are ticks found? Maps show where the disease-carrying parasites live  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/graphics/2024/05/05/tick-season-region-map-us/73530929007/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: State to spray 124,000 acres for spongy moth  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/05/state-to-spray-124000-acres-for-spongy-moth/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Bird flu should make us consider virus (LTE)  
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/050124/page/15/story/flu-should-make-us-consider-diet>

## **Waste**

CBS21: Local residents frustrated as overflowing waste bins remain curbside in Dauphin County  
<https://local21news.com/news/local/frustrations-pile-up-along-with-waste-not-picked-up-for-weeks-for-some-in-dauphin-count#>

Tribune-Review: Explosion rocks Tarentum; no injuries reported  
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/explosion-rocks-tarentum-no-injuries-reported/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: One hippo's weight in trash collected so far

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/050624/page/3/story/one-hippos-weight-in-trash-collected-so-far>

NorthcentralPA.com: Centre County recycling & refuse authority reports nearly 48,000 pounds of household waste

[https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/centre-county-recycling-refuse-authority-reports-nearly-48-000-pounds-of-household-waste/article\\_fe3b773c-0bc0-11ef-8839-d7ed43b3e384.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/centre-county-recycling-refuse-authority-reports-nearly-48-000-pounds-of-household-waste/article_fe3b773c-0bc0-11ef-8839-d7ed43b3e384.html)

## **Water**

KDKA: \$3 billion will be spent to clean up rivers and streams in the Pittsburgh area. How will it impact your bill?

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/alcosan-multi-billion-dollar-construction-project-clean-up-rivers/>

KDKA: After finding lead in drinking water, Pittsburgh Public Schools replaces antiquated drinking fountains

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-public-schools-replaces-drinking-fountains-lead-in-drinking-water/>

Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh Public School officials unveil new initiatives to limit lead in drinking water

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/education/2024/05/06/pittsburgh-public-lead-drinking-water/stories/202405060053>

WESA: Advocates celebrate lead removal from Pittsburgh school water fountains

<https://www.wesa.fm/education/2024-05-07/pittsburgh-school-lead-water-removal>

Daily American: What improvements are underway in Boswell Borough? Here's what we learned.

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2024/05/07/boswell-starts-first-of-several-storm-water-and-sidewalk-improvements-somerset-county/73560693007/>

PublicSource: Will our weather worsen? What to do before, during and after the flood.

<https://www.publicsource.org/pittsburgh-allegheny-wet-weather-flood-record-rain-basement-insurance/>

Tribune-Review: Repairs to leaking cable in Strip District continuing, Duquesne Light says

<https://triblive.com/local/repairs-on-leaky-cable-in-strip-district-continuing-duquesne-light-says/>

WTAE: River booms in place as DLC looks to stop Strip District cable leak

<https://www.wtae.com/article/duquesne-light-strip-district-leak/60706679>

KDKA: Duquesne Light crews locate leak of underground fluid in Pittsburgh's Strip District

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/duquesne-light-crews-locate-leak-of-underground-fluid-in-pittsburghs-strip-district/>

Daily Courier: Waterline forces road closure

[https://www.dailycourier.com/news/waterline-forces-road-closure/image\\_85d52b82-0be1-11ef-a292-87c2b96ff1e7.html](https://www.dailycourier.com/news/waterline-forces-road-closure/image_85d52b82-0be1-11ef-a292-87c2b96ff1e7.html)

Mon Valley Independent: Help available for flooding victims

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2024/05/help-available-for-flooding-victims/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Author returns to Lycoming County to speak on flooding

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/05/author-returns-to-alma-mater-lycoming-college-to-speak-on-flooding/>

## **Miscellaneous**

Butler Eagle: Environmental education takes off at Butler Catholic

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240507/environmental-education-takes-off-at-butler-catholic/>

Lancaster Newspapers: Schreiber Pediatric announces changes to annual Rubber Duckie Race & Festival

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/schreiber-pediatric-announces-changes-to-annual-rubber-duckie-race-festival/article\\_2b18bbac-0bda-11ef-af9e-cf62f6906c7c.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/schreiber-pediatric-announces-changes-to-annual-rubber-duckie-race-festival/article_2b18bbac-0bda-11ef-af9e-cf62f6906c7c.html)

Lancaster Newspapers: Antimony Farms subdivision plan approved in Elizabeth Township

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/antimony-farms-subdivision-plan-approved-in-elizabeth-township/article\\_924afee0-fb84-11ee-8265-0f522dbff069.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/antimony-farms-subdivision-plan-approved-in-elizabeth-township/article_924afee0-fb84-11ee-8265-0f522dbff069.html)

Bedford Gazette: The number of fish on US overfishing list reaches an all-time low. Mackerel and snapper recover

[https://www.bedfordgazette.com/ap/business/the-number-of-fish-on-us-overfishing-list-reaches-an-all-time-low-mackerel-and/article\\_e8e155bc-7fa1-5731-81c9-a2329db84d20.html](https://www.bedfordgazette.com/ap/business/the-number-of-fish-on-us-overfishing-list-reaches-an-all-time-low-mackerel-and/article_e8e155bc-7fa1-5731-81c9-a2329db84d20.html)

Bedford Gazette: Raised beds should be garden considerations

[https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/raised-beds-should-be-garden-considerations/article\\_e343b07e-be6b-5d43-b6e9-2d392e6ddc4f.html](https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/raised-beds-should-be-garden-considerations/article_e343b07e-be6b-5d43-b6e9-2d392e6ddc4f.html)

Tribune-Review: Demolition of former Jeannette brewery topic of meeting at city hall

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/demolition-of-former-jeannette-brewery-topic-of-meeting-at-city-hall/>

Tribune-Review: Hempfield: Demolition plans advancing for former state prison

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/hempfield-demolition-plans-advancing-for-former-state-prison/>