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Top DEP Stories

Indiana Gazette: Area environmental education projects get state funding

https://www.indianagazette.com/local_news/area-environmental-education-projects-get-state-funding/article_fbc1c292-d07c-43d3-9706-4961a549813d.html

Mentions

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: In a Butler County town, residents push back on \$53 million sewage plan

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2025/05/25/sewage-connoquenessing-butler-saxonburg/stories/202505230059>

Delco Times: Guest column: Pennsylvania is failing to properly regulate its oil and gas industry

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2025/05/25/guest-column-pennsylvania-is-failing-to-properly-regulate-its-oil-and-gas-industry/>

Bartram's Garden

WHYY: As summer approaches, Bartram's Mile Trail still closed more than a year after chemical spill

<https://whyy.org/articles/bartram-mile-trail-closed-summer/>

Conservation and Recreation

KDKA: Meet Hercules and Ned, the border collies fending off wildlife at West Virginia International Yeager Airport

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/hercules-ned-border-collies-west-virginias-airport/>

Tribune-Review: Allegheny County Parks create economic spillover in nearby municipalities

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/allegheny-county-parks-create-economic-spillover-in-nearby-municipalities/>

Butler Eagle: Baby ospreys hatch at Moraine State Park

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250524/baby-ospreys-hatch-at-moraine-state-park/>

New Castle News: Eagle Scout creates a buzz with pollinator program

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/eagle-scout-creates-a-buzz-with-pollinator-program/article_ffc0d066-bd50-49c6-81e8-8702dcf270db.html

Carlisle Sentinel: Cumberland County will seek state grant to establish walking trail

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article_903eee2a-5b29-4c24-9eb9-8e6510b55f72.html

My Chesco.com: Explore the Great Outdoors: Shapiro Administration Unveils Pennsylvania's Summer Adventure Season

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/explore-the-great-outdoors-shapiro-administration-unveils-pennsylvanias-summer-adventure-season/>

Wellsboro Gazette: Organizations award scholarships for environment, ecology

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/organizations-award-scholarships-for-environment-ecology/article_a8137a06-11c5-4052-b9a0-a8b2e0fccc05.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Native wildflowers are abundant in our region

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/05/native-wildflowers-are-abundant-in-our-region/>

Allegheny Front: Cicadas are back. Brood XIV expected to emerge in parts of Pennsylvania

https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-cicada-brood-xiv/?mc_cid=ef7a750c9c&mc_eid=63bd9abed3

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Liberty trees planted in Bloomsburg, Danville; dedications are leading up to U.S.A.'s 250th anniversary

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/052525/page/1/story/liberty-trees-planted-in-bloomsburg-danville>

Energy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: As Pittsburgh faces electricity rate hike of 15%, Pa. lawmakers ratchet up debate on energy sources

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2025/05/25/pennsylvania-electricity-pittsburgh-shapiro-legislature/stories/202505220098>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Klaber's Viewpoint: No excuses for grid failure in Pennsylvania

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/23/klabers-viewpoint-grid-failure-pennsylvania.html>

Allegheny Front: With soaring summer temps ahead, AI data centers could strain electricity supplies in the Mid-Atlantic

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pjm-electric-grid-climate-change-data-centers/>

Meadville Tribune: Solar for schools could be coming to PENNCREST

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/solar-for-schools-could-be-coming-to-penncrest/article_6c326158-c990-41c0-bab1-a8258177bd65.html

Erie Times: : \$400,000 Grant Will Help Fund Solar Energy Facility At Erie County Technical School

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/education/2025/05/22/coming-to-erie-county-technical-school-a-solar-energy-field/83755904007/?tbref=hp>

Sharon Herald: Mercer schools still reliably powered by coal

https://www.sharonherald.com/news/mercer-schools-still-reliably-powered-by-coal/article_bcf25c0-a621-41a2-9343-acd306e5c134.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Solar budget gets \$800G boost; Grant money will help determine if Bloomsburg Area project affordable

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/052725/page/1/story/solar-budget-gets-800g-boost>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Preserve clean energy credits (LTE)

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/052725/page/16/story/preserve-clean-energy-credits>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Carlisle Sentinel: Carlisle holds off on ordinance that could affect redevelopment of former Frog, Switch site

https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article_a1644306-97db-4d4f-933e-791607d7b064.html

Mining

Pennsylvania Capital-Star: Federal officials call miners' health a 'priority,' but are cutting a Pa. team studying mine safety

<https://penncapital-star.com/government-politics/federal-officials-call-miners-health-a-priority-but-are-cutting-a-pa-team-studying-mine-safety/?emci=2c19e05b-5e3a-f011-a5f1-6045bda9d96b&emdi=a216ea70-e13a-f011-a5f1-6045bda9d96b&ceid=169549>

Oil and Gas

PA Environment Digest: PA American Water Begins Construction On Pipeline To Provide Replacement Water For Dimock Township Residents Who Had Wells Contaminated By Shale Gas Drilling 20 Years Ago In Susquehanna County

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/05/pa-american-water-begins-construction.html>

Radiation Protection

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Nuke regulators to hear siren advocates

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/052225/page/1/story/nuke-regulators-to-hear-siren-advocates>

Vector Management

WESA: Cicadas are back. Brood XIV expected to emerge in parts of Pennsylvania

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-05-25/pennsylvania-cicadas-brood-xiv-emerging>

The North Side Chronicle: Spotted lanternfly season returns once more

<https://www.thenorthsidechronicle.com/2025/05/26/spotted-lanternfly-season-returns/>

ABC27: Helicopter to spray “thick brown liquid” over Central Pennsylvania communities

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Water

WTAE: Water main break results in remote learning day for Pittsburgh Carmalt students Tuesday

<https://www.wtae.com/article/water-main-break-remote-learning-pittsburgh-carmalt-students-tuesday/64885047>

The Derrick: Titusville test work for wells underway

https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/titusville-test-work-for-wells-underway/article_42b96ff8-2757-4541-a641-550ae6b0d781.html

Huntingdon Daily News: Council hears Broad Top sewage plant issues

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Wellsboro Gazette: Lawrenceville submits plan to correct sewer plant problems

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https://www.tiogapublishing.com/the_wellsboro_mansfield_gazette/news/local/mansfield-discusses-ongoing-wwtp-issues/article_9e7e3c23-3c74-4615-b118-1640b0b3b520.html

Miscellaneous

Tribune-Democrat: Route 219 reopened in Boynton after temporary structure installed at site of flood-damaged bridge

https://www.tribdem.com/news/route-219-reopened-in-boynton-after-temporary-structure-installed-at-site-of-flood-damaged-bridge/article_56f5db02-946d-400c-bde4-e8e51b329868.html

KDKA: Stretch of Coal Valley Road in Jefferson Hills to close for the next two months

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/coal-valley-road-closure-mon-valley-fayette-expressway/>

WESA: From classrooms to farms, AmeriCorps cuts hit Pittsburgh

<https://www.wesa.fm/education/2025-05-27/classrooms-farms-ameri-corps-cuts-pittsburgh>

Lancaster Farming: Could Measuring Greenhouse Gases Increase Returns on Pennsylvania Dairies?

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/could-measuring-greenhouse-gases-increase-returns-on-pennsylvania-dairies/article_6fd5ac17-96af-4751-b328-346ef942ecd3.html

WHYY: An invasive tick is swarming southeastern Pa. Here's what you need to know

<https://why.org/articles/asian-longhorned-tick-pennsylvania-forests/>

My Chesco.com: DCNR Honors 2025 Ranger and Park Manager Trainee Graduates

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/dcnr-honors-2025-ranger-and-park-manager-trainee-graduates/>

Centre Daily Times: Stage at Talleyrand could be 'significant asset' to Bellefonte. When could it open?

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/bellefonte/article306823511.html>