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## Top DEP Stories

NewtownPANow: Drought Watch Remains For Bucks County

<http://newtownpanow.com/2023/10/23/drought-watch-remains-for-bucks-county/>

## Mentions

WFMJ: Diesel fuel leak contaminates soil in Mercer County

<https://www.wfmj.com/story/49876078/diesel-fuel-leak-contaminates-soil-in-mercer-county>

WJET-TV: Erie residents voice concerns about former Erie Coke property before condemnation vote

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/erie-residents-voice-concerns-about-former-erie-coke-property-before-condemnation-vote/>

Citizens' Voice: Conservancy get \$17.5-million grant to restore streams in former coal mining areas of South Valley to Nanticoke Creek

[https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/conservancy-gets-17-5m-grant-to-restore-streams-in-former-coal-mining-areas-of-south/article\\_0d4b0f37-252d-5f5a-97c2-691426098caa.html](https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/conservancy-gets-17-5m-grant-to-restore-streams-in-former-coal-mining-areas-of-south/article_0d4b0f37-252d-5f5a-97c2-691426098caa.html)

Times Leader: Earth Conservancy receives \$17.5M grant for restoration of Nanticoke Creek

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1624945/earth-conservancy-receives-17-5m-grant-for-restoration-of-nanticoke-creek>

PennLive: Texas firm Encina to reapply to DEP for permit needed for \$11B Central PA project

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Sunbury Daily Item: We can do better than Encina (Op-Ed)

[https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/we-can-do-better-than-this/article\\_1f7caf7e-7148-11ee-8f38-2f09e23802be.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/opinion/we-can-do-better-than-this/article_1f7caf7e-7148-11ee-8f38-2f09e23802be.html)

## East Palestine Derailment

Beaver County Times: Community Matters: Lack of interest in community concerns contributes to Beaver County's faltering

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/opinion/columns/2023/10/23/community-matters-lack-of-interest-in-community-concerns-contributes-to-beaver-countys-faltering/71235795007/>

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Bloomberg: Carbon Capture Desperately Needs a Reality Check After Lost Decade

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York Dispatch: Key chunk of Antarctica doomed to melt, raising sea levels almost 6 feet, study says  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/2023/10/23/key-chunk-of-antarctica-doomed-to-melt-raising-sea-levels-almost-6-feet-study-says/71291225007/>

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Erie Times: State agency secures mouth of Trout Run in Erie for steelhead production in \$100,00 deal  
<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2023/10/23/trout-run-mouth-easement-acquisition-fairview-pa-lake-erie-fish-boat-commission-steelhead-fishing/71291887007/>

Meadville Tribune: 2024 River of the Year nominations open through Nov. 10  
[https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/2024-river-of-the-year-nominations-open-through-nov-10/article\\_ab042f94-6f8c-11ee-9372-67d77839fcfa.html](https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/2024-river-of-the-year-nominations-open-through-nov-10/article_ab042f94-6f8c-11ee-9372-67d77839fcfa.html)

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<https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/crawford-county-foundation-first-in-state-to-receive-grant-through-usda-program/>

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[https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/80-pa-farms-eligible-for-conservation-grants-including-lancaster-county-poultry-farms/article\\_14a76066-71f3-11ee-8d0e-234418172936.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/80-pa-farms-eligible-for-conservation-grants-including-lancaster-county-poultry-farms/article_14a76066-71f3-11ee-8d0e-234418172936.html)

Gettysburg Times: Latimore proposes limiting farmland use  
[https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article\\_44c033af-3e6e-5876-b4e9-2e95deb531e2.html](https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_44c033af-3e6e-5876-b4e9-2e95deb531e2.html)

Lock Haven Express: Upgrades on the way for Grove Community Park  
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2023/10/upgrades-on-the-way-for-grove-community-park/>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/102423/page/1/story/recreation-group-may-receive-100m-in-funding>

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DV Journal: Will the \$750M Hydrogen Hub Fight Crime? Experts Say That's a Stretch  
<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/will-a-new-hydrogen-hub-reduce-crime-some-say-thats-not-likely/>

MyChesCo: South Coatesville Borough Council Evaluates Solar Farm Proposals for Revenue Generation and Sustainable Energy Production

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/government/south-coatesville-borough-council-evaluates-solar-farm-proposals-for-revenue-generation-and-sustainable-energy-production/>

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WESA: Lawmakers want answers on damage and costs linked to idled 'zombie' coal mines

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Allegheny Front: THIS RURAL TOWNSHIP WANTS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR OTHER PLACES IN PA. TO FIGHT INJECTION WELLS

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WJAC: UPJ research team receives funding to test product that would make humans 'invisible' to ticks

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## **Waste**

WNEP: Converting plastic waste into useful school supplies

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/turning-plastic-into-free-school-supplies-dunmore-recycling-plastics-local-wonderstone-gallery/523-e73cfb95-7d98-42d0-91e0-06fb29db4b94>

Tribune-Review: Allegheny County Council proposal would ban single-use plastic bags

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## **Water**

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Herald-Standard: PUC dismisses joint settlement, civil penalty against East Dunkard

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abc27: Capital Region Water operating backup drinking source

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/capital-region-water-operating-backup-drinking-source/>

abc27: Mandatory water conservation remains in place

<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/carlisle-west-shore/mandatory-water-conservation-will-remain-in-place-over-weekend/>

CBS21: Capitol Region operating off backup water supply, Mechanicsburg continues mandatory conservation

<https://local21news.com/news/local/capitol-region-operating-off-backup-water-supply-mechanicsburg-continues-mandatory-conservation#>

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Mystery around hole deepens; seller says she didn't know about septic tank at vet's home

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