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Top DEP Stories

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Over \$6.3M awarded to bolster rural electric grid across Lycoming, Sullivan counties

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Mentions

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Bartram's Gardens / 51st Street Alliance Contamination

FOX 29: Investigation over potential contamination at Bartram's Garden

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