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Top DEP Stories

Pa Environmental Digest: DEP Invests \$17.3 Million In 89 Local Growing Greener Projects In 40 Counties To Restore Streams, Reclaim Abandoned Mine Land, Improve Fish, Wildlife Habitats
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2026/01/dep-invests-173-million-in-89-local.html>

Indiana Gazette: DEP has 89 Growing Greener awards, including six for Indiana County
https://www.indianagazette.com/news/community_news/dep-has-89-growing-greener-awards-including-six-for-indiana-county/article_ccee6a94-b26f-49b8-8f3c-a3b8382cc796.html

Mentions

New Castle News: Shenango China rehab could cost around \$4M, lower than originally proposed
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/shenango-china-rehab-could-cost-around-4m-lower-than-originally-proposed/article_286cfc3f-f83b-418d-af15-7837bbc88ec8.html

Clairton Coke Works Explosion

TribLive: Congress funds agency investigating Clairton Coke Works blast
<https://triblive.com/business/congress-funds-agency-investigating-clairton-coke-works-blast/>

Conservation and Recreation

Clarion News: Seneca Rocks offering Hog Island scholarship for educators
https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/frontpage/seneca-rocks-offering-hog-island-scholarship-for-educators/article_74c35b1b-be60-4002-bf24-ac60293e25a0.html

Standard Speaker: Parking, walkways and more coming to Hazle Twp. Community Park with new state funding
<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/01/21/parking-walkways-and-more-coming-to-hazle-twp-community-park-with-new-state-funding/>

Lehighvalleynews: Allentown officials to hold community meeting on city tree plan; survey still open
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/allentown-officials-to-hold-community-meeting-on-city-tree-plan-survey-still-open>

Pennlive: It's a go: Historic Eagles Mere toboggan slide to operate for the second straight year
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/01/its-a-go-historic-eagles-mere-toboggan-slide-to-operate-for-the-second-straight-year.html>

York Daily Record: Game Commission considers 13 properties for hunters across Pennsylvania
<https://www.ydr.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/01/20/game-commission-looks-at-thirteen-land-acquisitionsexchanges-for-hunters-across-pennsylvania/88262707007/?tbref=hp>

York Daily Record: Codorus Park shares 2026 dates for free hands-on maple syrup programs
<https://www.ydr.com/story/life/2026/01/20/codorus-state-park-announces-2026-schedule-for-free-maple-syrup-events/88239010007/?tbref=hp>

Data Centers

KDKA: Pennsylvania lawmakers hear testimony about rising utility costs from data center expansion
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-rising-costs-data-center-expansion/>

Record-Argus: Many Pa. residents don't want data centers in their communities, state leaders are welcoming them
https://www.recordargusnews.com/business/many-pa-residents-don-t-want-data-centers-in-their-communities-state-leaders-are-welcoming/article_d080c579-675b-4a45-b34b-8914da2cd800.html

Scranton Times: Scranton wants info on tapping Lake Scranton to cool data center
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/01/21/scranton-wants-info-on-tapping-lake-scranton-to-cool-data-center/>

Standard Speaker: Hollenback Twp. residents rally against data center campus on rural land
<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2026/01/21/hollenback-twp-residents-rally-against-data-center-campus-on-rural-land/>

Standard Speaker: Foster Twp. considers data center regulations
<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2026/01/20/foster-twp-considers-data-center-regulations/>

Scranton Times: Dickson City residents overwhelmingly oppose data centers at public hearing
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/01/21/dickson-city-residents-overwhelmingly-oppose-data-centers-at-public-hearing/>

Scranton Times: Ransom Twp. supervisors reject data center zoning amendment
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/01/20/ransom-twp-supervisors-reject-data-center-zoning-amendment/>

WFMZ: Lower Saucon Township prepares for data centers with proposed ordinance
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/bethlehem-area/lower-saucon-township-prepares-for-data-centers-with-proposed-ordinance/article_b930ab27-6721-4c66-8980-7403dccc2eb.html

Mining

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Jack Bergman: More mining protects America

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/op-ed/2026/01/22/mining-national-security-copper-nickel-minnesota-jack-bergman/stories/202601220027>

Waste

Mon Valley Independent: Glassport approves new trash hauler

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2026/01/22/glassport-approves-new-trash-hauler/>

Gettysburg Times: Conewago residents fear becoming “Conowaste”

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_46763874-1743-4971-b731-c6ef82547dce.html

Water

Meadville Tribune: Cambridge Springs OKs work at water plant; vehicles parked illegally will be towed

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/cambridge-springs-oks-work-at-water-plant-vehicles-parked-illegally-will-be-towed/article_01ebfb1e-51cf-4afe-ab4a-2f67c41df2bf.html

WOLF: Ledgedale Dive Team and the dangers of frozen bodies of water

<https://fox56.com/news/local/salute-to-service-ledgedale-dive-team-and-the-dangers-of-frozen-bodies-of-water>

Coal Region Canary: More Than \$480K in Grant Funds Awarded to Water Projects in Minersville, Branch Township

<https://coalregioncanary.com/2026/01/21/more-than-480k-state-grant-funds-awarded-water-projects-minersville-branch-township/>

Lebtown: Richland Borough votes to allow possible water rate hike for \$6M tank project

<https://lebtown.com/2026/01/21/richland-borough-votes-to-allow-possible-water-rate-hike-for-5-m-tank-project/>

WFMZ: Budget constraints, lack of options force district in Berks to rebuild where flood destroyed school, district officials say

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/budget-constraints-lack-of-options-force-district-in-berks-to-rebuild-where-flood-destroyed-school/article_7393b063-8212-4c3e-a09f-683e0cbc4e85.html

Miscellaneous

WBRE: Preserving NEPA history one bluestone at a time

<https://www.2822news.com/news/preserving-nepa-history-one-bluestone-at-a-time/>

The Morning Call: Jaindl makes adjustment to Allentown Waterfront project, including townhomes and a hotel

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/01/22/jaindl-makes-adjustment-to-allentown-waterfront-project-including-townhomes-and-a-hotel-heres-what-to-know/>

Reading Eagle: PA awards \$7 million for infrastructure projects in Berks

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/01/21/pa-awards-7-million-for-infrastructure-projects-in-berks/>

Reading Eagle: Region receives \$9 million in state transportation and water project grants

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2026/01/21/region-receives-9-million-in-state-transportation-and-water-project-grants/>

Altoona Mirror: Region receives funding for infrastructure projects

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/01/region-receives-funding-for-infrastructure-projects/>

Lewistown Sentinel: \$4.7M in local transportation grants announced

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/01/4-7m-in-local-transportation-grants-announced/>

Lewistown Sentinel: Funding available for agriculture projects

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/01/funding-available-for-agriculture-projects/>

Lebtown: Bethel Twp. planners receive solar farm, Blue Mountain Road project updates

<https://lebtown.com/2026/01/22/bethel-twp-planning-receives-blue-mt-road-solar-farm-project-updates/>

CBS21: Cow rescued from manure pit during dangerous cold in Franklin County: fire crews

<https://local21news.com/news/local/cow-rescued-from-manure-pit-during-dangerous-cold-in-franklin-county-fire-crews-pa-pennsylvania-weather-cold-dangerous>