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Top DEP Stories

Meadville Tribune: Allegheny awarded nearly \$3K as state invests over \$17M in conservation projects
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Bucks County Beacon: Trump's War on the Environment: Year One
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Conservation and Recreation

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/data-center-meeting-postponed-in-upper-burrell/>

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Chestnut Hill Local: Developer envisions Pennhurst as an AI data center, while residents say the site is contaminated

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