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Top DEP Stories

Inside Climate News: Lawyers Spar Over Whether Pennsylvania Agency Has Authority to Issue Carbon Allowances to Power Plants

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/15052025/pennsylvania-supreme-court-regional-greenhouse-gas-initiative-arguments/>

Mentions

Butler Eagle: Connoquenessing supervisors preparing to gather all options for Act 537 plan

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250516/connoquenessing-supervisors-preparing-to-gather-all-options-for-act-537-plan/>

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Democrat: PHOTO GALLERY | Central Cambria students beautify Ebensburg in effort to 'give back'

https://www.tribdem.com/news/photo-gallery-central-cambria-students-beautify-ebensburg-in-effort-to-give-back/article_877d5788-b7a5-4a00-9048-c9bf56d4ea93.html

Tribune-Democrat: 'Phenomenal' conditions expected for Stonycreek Rendezvous this weekend, club says

https://www.tribdem.com/news/phenomenal-conditions-expected-for-stonycreek-rendezvous-this-weekend-club-says/article_1448e453-b631-4c8f-b27b-75c7df8fe9e7.html

The Northside Chronicle: Additional deer culling piloted in Riverview Park

<https://www.thenorthsidechronicle.com/2025/05/12/additional-deer-culling-piloted-riverview-park/>

Daily Courier: Fayette continues to work to upgrade county parks

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/fayette-continues-to-work-to-upgrade-county-parks/article_455ac057-5ce2-44c6-963e-3856a4f41524.html

Tribune-Review: Sewickley Academy trio's project raises money for livestock feed for animals in N.C. affected by Hurricane Helene

<https://triblive.com/local/sewickley/feeding-the-need-sewickley-academy-trios-project-raises-money-for-livestock-feed-for-animals-in-n-c-affected-by-hurricane-helene/>

Union Progress: Parks conservancy opens new trail and discovery area at Frick Park, receives \$1 million grant for more accessibility work at center there

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2025/05/16/parks-conservancy-opens-new-trail-and-discovery-area-at-frick-park-receives-1-million-grant-for-more-accessibility-work-at-center-there/>

New Castle News: Shenango Lake campgrounds remain closed due to high water, nesting eagles
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/shenango-lake-campgrounds-remain-closed-due-to-high-water-nesting-eagles/article_fb3d8ddf-b04c-597e-ad51-d0b95d9126da.html

Meadville Tribune: Allegheny College receives grant to enhance Watershed Conservation Research Center
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/allegheny-college-receives-grant-to-enhance-watershed-conservation-research-center/article_975a75de-9d04-4c59-8dfd-d866830e534a.html

Energy

Bloomberg: Vistra Makes AI Power Bet With \$1.9 Billion Gas Plant Deal
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-05-15/vistra-to-acquire-natural-gas-assets-from-lotus-for-1-9-billion>

The Sentinel: Solar array project planned for South Newton Township
https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article_ed658323-7363-47e6-b90b-fb468a42e98e.html

WHYY: The Trump administration wants to end LIHEAP. 300K Pa. households could struggle to pay heating bills
<https://whyy.org/articles/pennsylvania-liheap-trump-administration-utilities/>

Oil and Gas

Penn Capital-Star: Is Congress trampling on state laws protecting property rights against pipelines?
<https://penncapital-star.com/2025/05/15/repub/is-congress-trampling-on-state-laws-protecting-property-rights-against-pipelines/>

Water

WJAC: Salisbury residents face water conservation order after flooding damages main line
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/salisbury-residents-face-water-conservation-order-after-flooding-damages-main-line#>

WJPA: PAWC Announces Paving Work
<https://wjpa.com/news-archive/pawc-announces-paving-work/>

The Derrick: Knox puts off pursuit of water project funding
https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/knox-puts-off-pursuit-of-water-project-funding/article_9e16b194-1a8a-42cf-bf3c-85e90e245961.html

Miscellaneous

Tribune-Democrat: Somerset EMA director: Clear debris from drains, culverts ahead of next storm
https://www.tribdem.com/news/somerset-ema-director-clear-debris-from-drains-culverts-ahead-of-next-storm/article_737c94f5-b634-419e-a0a6-766cc569ac34.html

Pittsburgh Business Times: Landforce to dispute \$15M EPA grant termination amid federal funding shifts
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/16/pittsburgh-nonprofit-to-dispute-grant-termination.html>

WTAE: Sky's the limit for sustainability at the new Pittsburgh International Airport terminal
<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-airport-new-terminal-sustainability/64769933>

Erie Times: Sand work on Presque Isle State Park beaches lacks federal funds for 2025
<https://www.goerie.com/story/lifestyle/presque-isle/2025/05/16/presque-isle-state-park-pa-beaches-not-receiving-federal-money-sand-work-2025/83651009007/>