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## Top DEP Stories

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## Restore Pennsylvania

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<https://triblive.com/news/world/study-triples-population-at-risk-of-climate-triggered-floods/>

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<https://triblive.com/news/world/activist-greta-thunberg-declines-climate-prize-urges-more-action/>

## Conservation & Recreation

WICU-TV: Walkers Survey Presque Isle Beaches After Two Major Storms

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/41245610/walkers-survey-presque-isle-beaches-after-two-major-storms>

WJET-TV: Park managers and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers head to Presque Isle to look at current conditions

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<https://triblive.com/local/regional/opening-celebration-set-for-bike-trail-extension-in-indiana/>

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Reading Eagle: Redevelopment at former A.W. Golden dealership in Reading to get up to \$8 million in tax credits

<https://www.readingeagle.com/money/article/reading-development-to-receive-tax-credits>

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AP: Coal giant Murray Energy seeks bankruptcy protection

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Altoona Mirror: Area leaf collections underway

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