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## **Top DEP Stories**

Sunbury Daily Item: Move forward on solar plan (editorial)

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Scranton Times: Get DEP up to strength

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/get-dep-up-to-strength-1.2426225>

Uniontown Herald-Standard: Mountain Watershed Association receives DEP grant for Normalville drainage system

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Summit set on dairy industry crisis; PDA, DEP representatives to speak

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/122618/page/7/story/summit-set-on-dairy-industry-crisis>

Allegheny Front: Spills, shutdowns and legal challenges: A tumultuous year for Mariner East 2

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/spills-shutdowns-and-legal-challenges-a-tumultuous-year-for-mariner-east-2/>

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Philadelphia Inquirer: How the 'Toxic City' investigation has protected Philadelphia children from environmental perils

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Post-Gazette: Cost of natural disasters this year: \$155 billion

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-nation/2018/12/26/Cost-of-nat-u-ral-di-sas-ter-s-this-year-155-bil-lion-Worst-wildfire-season-on-record-for-California/stories/201812270079>

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<https://www.wesa.fm/post/climate-change-pennsylvania-look-back-2018-and-ahead-2019#stream/0>

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WGAL: After more than 20 years, Ephrata to Warwick rail trail ready to open

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[http://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/2018-12-27/Front\\_Page/Westmoreland\\_County\\_Parks\\_and\\_Trails\\_to\\_host\\_Comed.html](http://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/2018-12-27/Front_Page/Westmoreland_County_Parks_and_Trails_to_host_Comed.html)

Post-Gazette: New Carnegie Museum app shows threat to wildflower diversity in the woods

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<http://www.witf.org/news/2018/12/solar-co-ops-grow-in-western-pa.php>

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<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/14445045-74/latrobe-eyes-26-percent-hike-in-garbage-collection-fees>

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