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Top DEP Stories

PA Environment Digest: DEP Now Accepting Growing Greener Plus, Abandoned Mine Bond Forfeiture Reclamation, Stormwater Planning, Section 319 Grant Applications
<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/04/dep-now-accepting-growing-greener-plus.html>

Air

Penn State News: How safe is the air to breathe? 50 million people in the US don't know
<https://www.psu.edu/news/health-and-human-development/story/how-safe-air-breathe-50-million-people-us-dont-know>

Climate Change

The Herald: Earth's warming affecting Americans from coast to coast
https://www.sharonherald.com/news/earths-warming-affecting-americans-from-coast-to-coast/article_2009a236-b79e-5f7a-9569-a572785980af.html

Conservation and Recreation

KDKA: Here's how you can help name the U.S. Steel eaglet
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/us-steel-eaglet-naming-contest/>

Butler Eagle: Lancaster Twp. Supervisors plan upgrades at Four Springs Park
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250422/lancaster-twp-supervisors-plan-upgrades-at-four-springs-park/>

Pennlive: Environmental activist helps bring new park to Harrisburg neighborhood
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/04/environmental-activist-helps-bring-new-park-to-harrisburg-neighborhood.html>

Pennlive: Nature Conservancy acquires 509 acres of land in Dauphin County, then transfers it to Pa. Game Commission
<https://www.pennlive.com/outdoors/2025/04/nature-conservancy-acquires-509-acres-of-land-in-dauphin-county-then-transfers-it-to-pa-game-commission.html>

Penn State News: Webinar series to focus on successful tree and shrub planting
<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences/story/webinar-series-focus-successful-tree-and-shrub-planting>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Reflections in Nature: A closer look at our wood ducks
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/04/reflections-in-nature-a-closer-look-at-our-wood-ducks/>

PA Environment Digest: Shaver's Creek Environmental Center's May 2-3 Birding Cup Bird Identification Competition To Benefit Musser Gap Greenway's Grassland Habitat In Centre County

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/04/shavers-creek-environmental-centers-may.html>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Ricketts Glen makes national park poll

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/042225/page/3/story/ricketts-makes-national-park-poll>

Fox29: Good Day Uncut: Fairmount Park Conservancy and the Phillies on Earth Day

<https://www.fox29.com/video/1629033>

Drought

The Reporter: Wrightstown Township lifts burn ban but suggests caution

<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2025/04/20/wrightstown-township-lifts-burn-ban-but-suggests-caution/>

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: Homer City Redevelopment names new CEO to lead massive energy campus transformation

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/04/21/homer-city-energy-campus-new-ceo.html>

Pittsburgh Business Journal: Westinghouse partners with Canadian universities to advance eVinci microreactor development

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/04/21/westinghouse-electric-evinci-development.html>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Signs opposing solar-chicken farm, others removed

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/04/signs-opposing-solar-chicken-farm-others-removed/>

PennWATCH: PennDOT opens three new electric vehicle charging stations

https://pennwatch.org/penndot-opens-three-new-electric-vehicle-charging-stations/#google_vignette

Vector Management

WTAE: Pa. Game Commission to spray over 38,000 acres to preserve wildlife against spongy moths

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pa-game-commission-spray-38000-acre-swildlifespongy-moths/64545240>

WPXI: Pennsylvania Game Commission to spray 38,000 acres of forests to protect wildlife from spongy moths

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/pennsylvania-game-commission-spray-38000-acres-forests-protect-wildlife-spongy-moths/ONJ6VA4WYFABXF55AFZ6EARDNY/>

WGAL: Pa. Game Commission targets invasive spongy moths to save wildlife habitats across 16 game lands

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pa-game-commission-spongy-moth-spraying/64550078>

WFMZ: Pa Game Commission announces spongy moth spraying at state game lands
https://www.wfmz.com/health/health-beat/pa-game-commission-announces-spongy-moth-spraying-at-state-game-lands/article_e2b9ba0f-c381-4822-8749-a735a51203d3.html

Waste

Go Erie: City of Erie residents: get rid of unwanted tires, electronics at May 3 recycling event
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/04/22/recycling-tires-electronics-upcoming-erie-collection-event-unwanted-items/83192892007/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Guided walk and litter cleanup set for Hess Recreation Area Saturday
https://www.dailyitem.com/news/guided-walk-and-litter-cleanup-set-for-hess-recreation-area-saturday/article_e94ce24d-e259-4be3-ad8d-2a8af74ce251.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Lambda Chi Alpha and Lewisburg Neighborhoods partner for Earth Day watershed cleanup
https://www.dailyitem.com/news/lambda-chi-alpha-and-lewisburg-neighborhoods-partner-for-earth-day-watershed-cleanup/article_27207ad3-6512-4329-91b7-1e1d4496b66a.html

Water

The Times Herald: Whitemarsh receives \$1 million state grant for Wissahickon Creek project
<https://www.timesherald.com/2025/04/22/whitemarsh-receives-1-million-state-grant-for-wissahickon-creek-project/>

CBS3: How scientists are using their senses to test the Delaware Valley's water quality
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/aqua-water-smell-taste-testing-pennsylvania/>

6abc: Salt front threatening fresh water supply in Delaware River | Climate Ready
<https://6abc.com/videoClip/salt-front-threatening-fresh-water-supply-in-delaware-river--climate-ready/16199972/>

Bucks County Herald: Upper Makefield seeks \$1M in Pa. grants to aid Jericho streambank, lessen flooding
https://www.buckscountyherald.com/news/upper-makefield-seeks-1m-in-pa-grants-to-aid-jericho-streambank-lessen-flooding/article_ddd30faf-f65a-4a12-9c2e-35350beacff8.html

Miscellaneous

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh's industrial market sees downturn in Q1, JLL report says
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2025/04/22/industrial-warehouse-pittsburgh-tariffs-trump/stories/202504210066>

WJAC: Officials: Molten glass leak sparks weekend fire at Brockway glass plant
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/officials-molten-glass-sparks-weekend-fire-brockway-glass-plant-jefferson-county-clearfield-firefighters-911-emergency-pennsylvania#>

Associated Press: In East Palestine derailment trial, railroad and chemical maker agree on who pays residents

<https://apnews.com/article/east-palestine-derailment-norfolk-southern-oxy-settlement-2238558dae377e23a593a92307e6aa2e>

Philadelphia Inquirer: PA wants to hire federal workers. The state also has a partial hiring freeze.

<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-hiring-freeze-federal-fund-cuts-20250421.html>

WHYY: Earth Day 2025: Celebrating Philly's environmental legacy and the power of poetry

<https://whyy.org/articles/earth-day-philadelphia-poetry/>

WHYY: These Philly-area doulas want parents to think about their environmental exposures

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-doula-parents-environmental-exposures/>