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Top DEP Stories

Newsbreak: Pennsylvania DEP Celebrates Landmark Blue Green Connector Project in Lancaster
<https://www.newsbreak.com/news/3979793914085-pennsylvania-dep-celebrates-landmark-blue-green-connector-project-in-lancaster>

Mentions

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<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/04/dep-abandoned-shale-gas-water.html>

Air

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Wildfire risk in region continues, with N.J. still fighting the Jones Road Fire and Pa. battling a new blaze
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<https://www.thedp.com/article/2025/04/penn-earth-week-2025-recap>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/04/27/gainey-parks-tax-recreation-warrington-spring-hill/stories/202504270050>

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