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Top DEP Stories

Outdoor News: Turtle Creek restoration in Pennsylvania is a poster child for cooperation

<https://www.outdoornews.com/2024/08/13/turtle-creek-restoration-in-pennsylvania-is-a-poster-child-for-cooperation/>

Mentions

Clearfield Progress-News: Rails to Trails in Curwensville impassable after Debby causes washout

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Lock Haven Express: West Nile Virus reported in College, Ferguson Twps

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/community/2024/08/west-nile-virus-reported-in-college-ferguson-twps/>

WJAC: Brockway residents alarmed by asbestos in water

<https://www.wjactv.com/news/local/brockway-residents-alarmed-by-asbestos-in-water>

WKOK: Restoring The Bank of Warrior Run Creek

<https://www.wkok.com/restoring-the-bank-of-warrior-run-creek/>

Marcellus Drilling News: PA DEP Smears Conventional Drillers Regarding Abandoned Well Issue

<https://marcellusdrilling.com/2024/08/pa-dep-smears-conventional-drillers-regarding-abandoned-well-issue/>

Climate Change

Penn State News: \$5M grant to engage Indigenous communities in climate change research

<https://www.psu.edu/news/social-science-research-institute/story/5m-grant-engage-indigenous-communities-climate-change/>

Conservation and Recreation

Erie Times: Several hundred sheepshead die along shores of Lake Erie. Here's why

<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2024/08/12/what-killed-sheepshead-lake-erie-freshwater-drum-fish-and-boat-commission-harborcreek/74770123007/>

Erie Times: No-Swimming Advisory Remains In Place Where Alleged Alligator Sighted In Lake Erie

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2024/08/12/lake-erie-alleged-alligator-search-enters-second-week-with-no-sign-from-weekend/74771619007/>

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<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/truckful-of-dead-fish-cleared-from-shades-beach-after-hundreds-washed-ashore/>

Morning Call: 4 more Lehigh Valley farms saved from development. Find out where
<https://www.mcall.com/2024/08/12/4-more-lehigh-valley-farms-saved-from-development-find-out-where/>

Penn State News: What's to love about vultures? Conservationist, author offers insight
<https://www.psu.edu/news/impact/story/whats-love-about-vultures-conservationist-author-offers-insight/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Field day planned by Union County Conservation District
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<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/08/conservation-district-welcomes-kc-cte-student/>

North Penn Now: State grant helps support 'floating classroom' for Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy
<https://northpennnow.com/news/2024/aug/13/state-grant-helps-support-floating-classroom-for-perkiomen-watershed-conservancy/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Citizens' Voice: Construction project forces Hanover Area to move its first two football games
https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/education/lead-paint-particles-force-closure-of-hanover-area-memorial-stadium/article_7364ca43-9046-5e2b-8711-ff14f0f044ca.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Williamsport Redevelopment Authority: Blighted properties being rehabbed with ARPA funds
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/08/williamsport-redevelopment-authority-blighted-properties-being-rehabbed-with-arpa-funds/>

Shamokin News-Item: Shamokin City Council hears concerns about smelly, pest infested property
<https://www.newsitem.com/news/shamokin-city-council-hears-concerns-smelly-pest-infested-property/>

Oil and Gas

Penn State News: Penn State, Shell announce collaboration focused on energy and sustainability
<https://www.psu.edu/news/development-and-alumni-relations/story/penn-state-shell-announce-collaboration-focused-energy-and/>

PFAS

My ChesCo: Aqua Pennsylvania Completes PFAS Treatment System in Montgomery County

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/regional/aqua-pennsylvania-completes-pfas-treatment-system-in-montgomery-county/>

Vector Management

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Meadville Tribune: Erie, Mercer counties report positive mosquito virus tests

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<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/51194602/erie-county-mosquitoes-test-positive-for-jamestown-canyon-virus-and-west-nile-virus>

Penn State News: Researchers use CT scanning to study spotted lanternfly anatomy

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Waste

Clarion News: Clarion Borough to end recycling service

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<https://levittownnow.com/2024/08/13/middletown-approves-waste-hauling-contract-with-once-per-week-collection/>

Water

WVIA: Debby Downer: Deluge from tropical storm wreaks havoc across wide area of Pa.

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2024-08-09/debby-downer-deluge-from-tropical-storm-wreaks-havoc-across-wide-area-of-pa>

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abc27: Mechanicsburg area boil advisory lifted
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/mechanicsburg-area-boil-advisory-lifted/>

CBS21: Boil water advisory lifted for Mechanicsburg system, PA American Water announces
<https://local21news.com/news/local/boil-water-advisory-lifted-for-mechanicsburg-system-pa-american-water-announces-main-break-pennsylvania-department-of-environmental-protection-cumberland-county#>

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<https://www.wgal.com/article/update-from-pennsylvania-american-water/61846783>

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