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Top DEP Stories

Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper: Nearing anniversary of Williamsport river spill, Eureka Resources sells all three of its sites; fracking waste still present during July 22 DEP inspections

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Mentions

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: As Pittsburgh's Esplanade rises, Manchester residents fear history repeating itself

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2026/08/02/esplanade-pittsburgh-residents/stories/202607290081>

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<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/comment-period-still-open-on-biosolids-permit-updates/>

Conservation and Recreation

WESA: Camping with ... air conditioning? Pa. launches glamping pilot to woo newcomers to outdoor fun.

<https://www.wesanews.org/environment-energy/2026-08-02/glamping-pennsylvania-camp-outdoors>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: When farmland disappears, so does a way of life (Opinion)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/letters/2026/08/when-farmland-disappears-so-does-a-way-of-life/>

WNEP: A Summer Fest' draws crowds to learn about habitat conservation and prescribed fire

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Mon Valley Independent: Wary of data center boom, Pittsburgh and Allegheny County proceed with caution

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WBRE: Olyphant residents rally over proposed TriBoro data centers

<https://www.2822news.com/news/data-centers/olyphant-residents-rally-over-proposed-triboro-data-centers/>

Scranton Times: Archbald's latest data center suitor distances itself from Russian origins

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/08/02/archbalds-latest-data-center-suitor-distances-itself-from-russian-origins/>

New Castle News: Zoning hearing meetings scheduled for proposed data center

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WTAE: North Side Christian Health Center becomes Pennsylvania's first community clinic with solar battery system

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<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/letters/2026/07/benefitting-from-impact-fee/>

Vector Management

TribLive: West Nile virus to be spray-treated in 8 Pittsburgh neighborhoods

<https://triblive.com/news/health-now/west-nile-virus-to-be-spray-treated-in-8-pittsburgh-neighborhoods/>

WPXI: 8 Pittsburgh communities to be treated for mosquitoes after positive West Nile Virus samples

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2026/08/02/spotted-lanternfly-pennsylvania-allegheny/stories/202607310047>

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Lehighvalleylive: Lehigh Valley Flood Watch: What to expect with more rain expected in region

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