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Top DEP Stories

Carlisle Sentinel: Pa. officials visit Carlisle to tout budget funding for hazardous site clean-up
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FOX43: Pennsylvania community revitalizes former industrial sites with \$20 million cleanup fund
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/pennsylvania-community-revitalizes-former-industrial-sites-with-20-million-cleanup-fund/ar-AA29Dgz8?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

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<https://www.wgal.com/article/carlisle-redevelopment-turns-former-industrial-site-homes-businesses/73380605>

Mentions

Bucks County Herald: Tougher rules govern food processing waste but their impact on Shull Farm is unclear
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<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2026/08/07/mosquito-spraying-to-occur-in-select-areas-of-franconia-township-on-august-10/>

Air

Public Source: Wildfire smoke is a growing threat. Pittsburgh's industrial pollution compounds the risk.
<https://www.publicsource.org/pittsburgh-air-pollution-health-risk-elevated-wildfire-smoke/>

Climate Change

Daily Local: Contiguous US breaks its record for hottest month ever, NOAA says
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Conservation and Recreation

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Lehighvalleylive: USDA awards \$2.8M to expand public access to outdoor recreation in Pennsylvania
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2026/08/usda-awards-28m-to-expand-public-access-to-outdoor-recreation-in-pennsylvania.html>

WBRE: Parade of Boats sail at Lake Harmony
<https://www.2822news.com/news/local-news/parade-of-boats-sail-at-lake-harmony/>

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Bucks County Herald: How Warwick saved one of the wonders of Bucks County
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DELCO Today: Delaware County Open Space Referendum Pits Conservation Against Housing Crunch
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Data Centers

WESA: Washington County data center draws hundreds of concerned people to township meeting
<https://www.wesanews.org/environment-energy/2026-08-07/washington-county-data-center-draws-hundreds-hanover-township>

WOLF: Rising utility bills could climb higher as Pennsylvania prepares for data center boom
<https://fox56.com/news/local/rising-utility-bills-could-climb-higher-as-pennsylvania-prepares-for-data-center-boom>

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WHYY: Plymouth Township, Conshohocken-area residents shout, boo, as hearing for data center begins
<https://whyy.org/articles/conshohocken-data-center-plymouth-township-pushback/>

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<https://www.timesherald.com/2026/08/07/norristown-denied-party-status-in-plymouth-data-center-zoning-case/>

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Oil and Gas

Observer-Reporter: Labor groups meet to plan abandoned well remediation
<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2026/aug/10/labor-groups-meet-to-plan-abandoned-well-remediation/>

Radiation Protection

Beaver County Radio: Distribution event of K1 tablets to be held at Beaver Valley Mall
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Waste

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<https://www.phillyvoice.com/illegal-dumping-sites-philly-maps-trash-academy/>

Water

TribLive: What is permeable pavement and how are municipalities using it?

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/what-is-permeable-pavement-and-how-are-municipalities-using-it/>

WTAE: Local residents seek action after repeated floods damage properties, businesses

<https://www.wtae.com/article/youngwood-westmoreland-county-residents-repeated-floods-damage-properties-businesses/73384055>

CBS21: Water rates going up as York wastewater system gets \$4M upgrade

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Bucks County Today: Two Million People a Year Walk Through a Lenape Town Without Knowing It

<https://bucksco.today/2026/08/lahaska-name-origin-lenape/>