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Top DEP Stories

WTAE: Blair and Centre counties among recipients of \$4.1M in DEP food recovery grants

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/blair-and-centre-counties-among-recipients-of-41m-in-dep-food-recovery-grants>

Daily Courier: Fayette, Westmoreland receive Growing Greener grants

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York Daily Record: Mountains of plastic turf in limbo after Pa. recycling project falters

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/environment/2026/02/02/artificial-turf-pa-cleanup-re-match/87949674007/?tbref=hp>

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Mentions

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Code orange air quality alert issued for Mon Valley

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/south/2026/01/31/air-pollution-warning-mon-valley-pm2-5/stories/202601310039>

KDKA: Code Orange Air Quality Action Day declared for parts of Allegheny County on Saturday

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WHYY: Pennsylvania lawmakers push for new clean up law, a year after Upper Makefield pipeline leak

<https://whyy.org/articles/pennsylvania-environmental-cleanup-responsibility-act-upper-makefield-pipeline-leak/>

Patch.com: Hazardous Spill Cleanup Bill Introduced By Bucks Co. State Lawmakers
<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/newtown-pa/bill-strengthen-pa-response-hazardous-spills-introduced-bucks-co>

Newtown PA Now: Lawmakers Propose Environmental Cleanup Overhaul After Upper Makefield Pipeline Leak
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Bucks County Herald: Pressing for answers, reforms one year after jet fuel leak's discovery in Upper Makefield
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My Chesco.com: DEP Says Permit Backlog Is Gone — Then Drops \$4.1M to Fight Food Waste
https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/dep-says-permit-backlog-is-gone-then-drops-4-1m-to-fight-food-waste/#google_vignette

Around Ambler: Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler, Willow Grove Baptist Church in Upper Dublin receive over \$70K for food redistribution equipment
<https://aroundambler.com/mattie-n-dixon-community-cupboard-in-ambler-willow-grove-baptist-church-in-upper-dublin-receive-over-70k-for-food-redistribution-equipment/>

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WJET-TV: Interactive exhibit highlights Presque Isle's vital wetlands
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TribLive: Opponents of Homer City power plant and data center air concerns at community gathering
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/opponents-of-homer-city-power-plant-and-data-center-air-concerns-at-community-gathering/>

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Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: CNX Resources increases share buyback program

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Pennlive: Why taxing natural gas won't solve Pennsylvania's budget crisis

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Waste

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<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/01/logantwp-castlefarms-fire-protection-water-tank-installed/>

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<https://triblive.com/local/a-little-scary-and-a-lot-dangerous-people-reminded-to-stay-off-frozen-rivers/>

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<https://lebtown.com/?srsltid=AfmBOoookcyxJJkhwoqWwxuAxL1ZmDRhvfQI0Ac6ogYUplrpwAz3X9CP>