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Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: Initiative to speed DEP permits, streamlining permits for economic expansion, development

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/06/24/initiative-speed-dep-permits-streamlining-permits-economic-expansion-development/>

Mentions

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Elkland Authority restructures, ends lease with DEP

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/elkland-authority-restructures-ends-lease-with-dep/article_7a653a38-2bb5-45f0-bb03-19d40227a869.html

Air

Lancaster Online: Lancaster County under Code Orange air quality alert

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-county-under-code-orange-air-quality-alert/article_3c5e3e8b-1c97-4c32-81fa-d2a440865fd2.html

Climate Change

Republican Herald: Schuylkill County farmers cope with heavy rain

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/06/23/schuylkill-county-farmers-cope-with-heavy-rain/>

Morning Call: The Lehigh Valley just broke a heat record. A century-old record could fall Tuesday.

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/06/23/will-the-lehigh-valley-break-a-heat-record-heres-what-the-data-says/>

Lancaster Online: Monday was hottest June 23rd in Lancaster County in more than 100 years

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Conservation and Recreation

Daily American: The Nature Conservancy buys property along Allegheny Front, adds to State Game Lands 82

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2025/06/24/property-along-allegheny-front-now-part-of-state-game-lands-82-somerset-county-pa/84316060007/>

Latrobe Bulletin: Consultant, public share ideas for future Ligonier Beach Park

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KDKA: Swimmers, rafters should use caution when in the Youghiogheny River, experts warn

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/youghiogheny-river-ohiopyle-safety-tips/>

WESA: Pitt falcon fledglings fly the Cathedral of Learning coop, but likely linger in Oakland

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-06-24/pitt-falcon-fledglings-fly-oakland>

Tribune-Review: Lifeguard staffing shortage prompts planned, unplanned closures of Derry Community Pool

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/lifeguard-staffing-shortage-prompts-planned-unplanned-closures-of-derry-community-pool/>

WJET-TV: Pollination Celebration takes place at Goodell Gardens

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/pollination-celebration-takes-place-at-goodell-gardens/>

Pike County Courier: 'Swim with the Fish' pond tour set for June 21

<https://www.pikecountycourier.com/sponsored-content/garden-state-koi-pond-tour-2025-AB4726651>

Fox 56: Shapiro champions PA sports scene at Pocono, will work with NFL teams on stadium needs

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Energy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Jim Gregory and Justin Mason: An energy plan to sustain rural Pennsylvania

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2025/06/24/rural-pennsylvania-energy-needs-community-projects-jim-gregory-justin-mason/stories/202506250003>

WTAE: Duquesne Light warns of power outages during extreme heat

<https://www.wtae.com/article/power-outages-heat-duquesne-light/65161283>

Beaver County Radio: LIHEAP cuts could leave thousands of Pennsylvanians without heat this winter

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WFMZ 69: PPL officials monitoring grid, control centers in hopes of preventing heat-related issues

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/ppl-officials-monitoring-grid-control-centers-in-hopes-of-preventing-heat-related-issues/article_a23c4ee6-a82d-49a8-b812-d8e82be598b4.html

WFMZ: Power grid operator extends maximum generation alert

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Ribbon cutting held to celebrate Prysmian's expansion

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Prysmian to supply up to 12,500 miles of overhead conductors

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/06/prysmian-to-supply-up-to-12500-miles-of-overhead-conductors/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: A switch to EV can allow for more enjoyable bird watching

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Mining

Standard Speaker: Filmmaker to explore secrets beneath Hazleton

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WNEP 16: Underground break from the heat | Back Down The Pennsylvania Road

<https://www.wnep.com/article/entertainment/places/on-the-pa-road/back-down-the-pa-road/back-down-the-pennsylvania-road-lackawanna-county-coal-mine-scranton-mike-stevens/523-14ac63b6-a5e6-4121-a60d-5a6f406bdf60>

Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pennsylvania natural gas impact fees drop to \$164.59 million for 2024 production

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Water

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Wellsboro Gazette: Elkland Council discusses sewer, tree removal

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Wellsboro Gazette: Bloss council hears of stream monitoring efforts

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New Castle News: Heat wave hits city as cooling centers open

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Lancaster Farming: Nontoxic Pesticide Bt: A Safe Way To Control Pests In Your Vegetable Garden

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/06/cooling-centers-open-their-doors-to-the-public/>