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Top DEP Stories

WKOK: Cooper Township waste station hearing draws crowd

<https://www.wkok.com/cooper-township-waste-station-hearing-draws-crowd/>

WKOK: DEP hearing set on Montour waste transfer station

<https://www.wkok.com/dep-hearing-set-on-montour-waste-transfer-station/>

Climate Change

CBS3: How Founding Father Benjamin Franklin's ideas have helped scientists understand climate change

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/ben-franklin-lightning-rod/>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Here come the black bears to the Pittsburgh area

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2026/06/17/black-bears-allegheny-county/stories/202606160045>

Erie Times: High E. coli levels force Presque Isle to issue 2026's 1st swimming ban

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/healthcare/2026/06/16/presque-isle-state-park-e-coli-erie-swimming/90573182007/?tbref=hp>

WJET-TV: Presque Isle Beach 6 under Restricted Swimming advisory for E. coli levels

<https://www.yourerie.com/digital-first/digital-exclusive/presque-isle-beach-6-under-restricted-swimming-advisory-for-e-coli-levels/>

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WNEP: Pennsylvania Turnpike takes on pollinator problem

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/carbon-county/pennsylvania-turnpike-takes-pollinator-problem-jim-thorpe-carbon-county/523-4f201789-09f4-46b2-b57d-b042412b39b8?tbref=hp>

CBS3: Vacant lots in Delaware County could transform into green spaces thanks to an expanding initiative

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/vacant-lots-chester-green-spaces/>

KYW: Historic Main Line property to be preserved as public garden space

https://www.audacy.com/kywnnewsradio/podcasts/d81566608e783ef09f28df4e28074880/episodes/historic_main_line_property_to-8459646

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Fishing platform a matter of leadership (Editorial)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/editorials/2026/06/fishing-platform-a-matter-of-leadership/>

Data Centers

Bradford Era: Township facing data center proposal shaken by transparency, conflict questions

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2026/06/16/township-facing-data-center-proposal-shaken-transparency-conflict-questions/>

Times-Tribune: Wildcat Ridge Data Center concludes testimony, turning floor over to residents

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/06/16/wildcat-ridge-data-center-concludes-testimony-turning-floor-over-to-residents/>

Times-Tribune: Olyphant residents who oppose data centers raising money to hire attorney

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/06/15/olyphant-residents-who-oppose-data-centers-raising-money-to-hire-attorney/>

Morning Call: Faced with massive data center proposal, this Lehigh Valley township is the latest to consider rules

<https://www.mcall.com/2026/06/17/faced-with-massive-data-center-proposal-this-lehigh-valley-township-is-the-latest-to-consider-rules/>

Pennlive: Sold: Dauphin County golf course goes to Texas company for data center

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2026/06/sold-dauphin-county-golf-course-goes-to-texas-company-for-data-center.html>

Central Penn Business Journal: Central Pa. golf course sold

<https://www.cpbj.com/central-pa-golf-course-sold/>

York Daily Record: Manchester Township passes ordinance to restrict data centers

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/06/15/data-center-ordinance-passes-in-manchester-township/90556976007/?tbref=hp>

Lewistown Sentinel: Juniata resident urges pause to solar, data centers

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Suit on hold as meeting set; North Centre Township sued over closed talks, vote on data centers

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/06/17/1/suit-hold-meeting-set>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: The numbers on data centers astound (Opinion)
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NorthcentralPA.com: Muncy township residents air complaints at meeting
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Energy

TribLive: Assistance available as electric bill costs rise
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/assistance-available-as-electric-bill-costs-rise/>

Beaver County Radio: Report: Pennsylvania's fossil fuel decline leaves a widening fiscal gap
<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/report-pennsylvanias-fossil-fuel-decline-leaves-a-widening-fiscal-gap/>

WESA: Garrity lays out plan to 'unleash' the commonwealth's natural gas industry
<https://www.wesanews.org/politics-government/2026-06-17/garrity-pennsylvania-natural-gas-industry>

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/06/muncy-creek-township-leadership-to-make-decision-on-solar-farm-june-25/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Everyone wants affordable energy — nobody wants to cut the ribbon
<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/other-commentaries/2026/06/everyone-wants-affordable-energy-nobody-wants-to-cut-the-ribbon/>

Mining

Shamokin News-Item: SCRA awaits lab tests on Big Mountain refuse in reclamation project
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Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: Washington County leads Pennsylvania in natural gas impact fee collection
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/06/16/natural-gas-production-impact-fee-washington.html>

Lancaster Online: Lancaster County housing providers to get \$2M from shale gas impact fee
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KDKA: Residents in Beaver, Butler counties turn to bottled water amid ongoing taste and odor concerns

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<https://www.citizensvoice.com/2026/06/16/flood-protection-project-starting-next-week-along-susquehanna-river-levee-in-south-wilkes-barre/>

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WTAE: Pittsburgh steel industry celebrates its role in building America

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-steel-industry-history-mon-valley-works/71603515>

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