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Top DEP Stories

Daily Courier: Shapiro Administration honors environmental stewardship projects

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: POGOH's next ride: \$1.5M grant to fuel expansion of bike share program beyond city limits
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