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Top DEP Stories

WESA: Southwestern Pa. works toward water quality improvements with \$2.7 million in DEP grants
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-03-10/growing-greener-plus-grants-southwestern-pa>

Mentions

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<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2025/03/diversified-production-llc-abandons.html>

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Climate Change

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Conservation and Recreation

Butler Eagle: New interactive story introduced at Jennings center

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Philadelphia Inquirer: 'Beyond frustrating': Sheriff's Office problems prevent Land Bank from buying lots for community gardens, houses

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North Penn Now: Norristown Farm Park to conduct deer cull in March and April

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DV Journal: Experts Say Forget Ukraine; Start Mining Critical Elements in U.S.

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KDKA: Crews complete demolition of Cheswick power plant boiler house

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<https://www.wtae.com/article/springdale-boiler-house-rescheduled-demolition/64102795>

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<https://www.publicsource.org/design-pittsburgh-future-architects-trust/>

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