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Top DEP Stories

NorthcentralPA.com: DEP to hold public hearing on contamination of Columbia County drinking water
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WKOK: DEP seeks public comment on North Centre PFAS cleanup plan
<https://www.wkok.com/dep-seeks-public-comment-on-north-centre-pfas-cleanup-plan/>

Mentions

Allegheny Front: ‘Cartoon villainy’: Former regulators say EPA’s planned rollbacks would reverse 50 years of environmental progress
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/trump-epa-lee-zeldin-environmental-rollbacks/>

The Reporter: Sunoco to stop attending public forums about Upper Makefield pipeline leak
<https://www.thereporteronline.com/2025/03/17/sunoco-to-stop-attending-public-forums-about-upper-makefield-pipeline-leak/>

Air

Allegheny Front: A new tool helps Beaver County residents evaluate air quality
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/beaver-county-pennsylvania-air-quality-monitoring-eyes-on-air/>

Conservation and Recreation

York Dispatch: No fishing gear? No problem this trout season
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Huntingdon Daily News: Leaders talk campground closure impact

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WTAJ: Raystown campgrounds could open if federal hiring freeze ends
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/raystown-campgrounds-could-open-if-federal-hiring-freeze-ends/>

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/local-farmer-releases-over-a-million-bees-as-part-of-penn-state-winter-survival-study#>

Tribune-Review: Mary Roberts Reinheart Park officials dedicate time and love to keep it thriving
<https://triblive.com/local/sewickley/mary-roberts-reinheart-park-officials-dedicate-time-and-love-to-keep-it-thriving/>

Tribune-Review: Portion of Rachel Carson Trail, amid Indiana Township watershed, nearing preservation status
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Tribune-Review: Fox Chapel Area High School Fishing Club stocks trout
<https://community.triblive.com/news/3753367>

The Mercury: Towamencin could revive backyard chicken code
<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/03/17/towamencin-could-revive-backyard-chicken-code/>

My ChesCo: Discover the Joy of Fishing: Pennsylvania's Massive Trout Stocking Aims to Hook Families and Create Lifelong Memories!
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<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-fox-chase-farm-school-district-students/>

Delaware Currents: Hawkeyed fans come to watch the eagles on the Delaware River
<https://delawarecurrents.org/2025/03/17/eagles-delaware-river/>

Energy

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Altoona Mirror: Peoples eyes gas rate increase

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Waste

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Tribune-Review: Brackenridge's garbage collection bill to increase 7.7%, with another hike anticipated next year

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Reading Eagle: Federal funding uncertainties affecting farming community in Berks

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<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/flood-control-project-proposed-for-northmont-neighborhood-of-greensburg/>

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<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/03/17/delaware-river-turnpike-bridge-replacement-pa-nj-bucks-county-burlington-county-bristol-florence>

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/officials-caution-public-on-the-dangers-of-outdoor-burning#>

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