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Top DEP Stories

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Contamination troubles aired

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/032025/page/1/story/contamination-troubles-ai-red>

Mentions

Scranton Times: Renewable natural gas plant at Keystone Sanitary Landfill seeks expansion

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/03/19/renewable-natural-gas-plant-at-keystone-sanitary-landfill-seeks-expansion/>

CBS3: Energy Transfer begins drilling recovery wells on Pennsylvania street after fuel leak sparked water, air safety concerns

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/sunoco-fuel-leak-upper-makefield-pennsylvania/>

Climate Change

Public Source: The Pittsburgh region I grew up in will be transformed by climate migration

<https://www.publicsource.org/climate-resilient-urban-planning-pittsburgh-duluth/>

Conservation and Recreation

PHILLY 17: Pennsylvania's wildlife corridors boost environment, safety

<https://phl17.com/phl17-news/pennsylvanias-wildlife-corridors-boost-environment-safety/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: John Plonski: Our national parks are national treasures DOGE must not cut

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2025/03/20/musk-doge-national-parks-service-cuts-local-economic-benefits-johnstown-flood-ge/stories/202503270006>

WESA: Pittsburgh parks department hopes to open all 18 pools this summer

<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2025-03-19/pittsburgh-hopes-to-open-all-18-pools-this-summer>

Allegheny Front: Raystown Lake cancels campground reservations amid federal job cuts and hiring freezes

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/raystown-lake-army-corps-engineers-campground-federal-job-cuts/>

York Daily Record: PFBC sees slight increase in fishing license sales, mostly rainbow trout being stocked

<https://www.ydr.com/story/sports/outdoors/2025/03/19/pa-fishing-licenses-sales-up-trout-permits-slightly-down-fish-and-boat-commission-annual-report/82542859007/>

WFMZ: Restoration process underway to preserve, protect Crystal Lake at Carsonia Park

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/restoration-process-underway-to-preserve-protect-crystal-lake-at-carsonia-park/article_d35b0d77-12bd-4aab-b38a-487000855f86.html

Drought

York Dispatch: Persistent drought raises wildfire concerns in York County rain may do little to alleviate

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2025/03/19/persistent-drought-raises-wildfire-concerns-that-rain-may-do-little-to-alleviate/82545204007/>

Energy

Butler Eagle: Muddy Creek supervisors give go-ahead for new solar generation facility

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250320/muddy-creek-supervisors-give-go-ahead-for-new-solar-generation-facility/>

New Castle News: Second solar project planned for Hickory farmland

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/second-solar-project-planned-for-hickory-farmland/article_0f9df51a-fdc2-11ef-91f0-afd634c7ceb2.html

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: New \$86 million switchgear factory coming to Beaver County

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2025/03/19/switchgear-factory-beaver-meppi/stories/202503190087>

Pittsburgh Business Journal: The whys behind Mitsubishi Electric Power Products's \$86M investment in Beaver County

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/03/19/mitsubishi-electric-power-products-update.html>

KDKA: Pittsburgh Public Schools debuts first electric school buses

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-public-schools-electric-school-buses/>

KDKA: Mitsubishi Electric to open new energy facility in Beaver County

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/mitsubishi-electric-new-energy-facility-beaver-county/>

WPXI: Pittsburgh Public Schools adds 16 electric buses to fleet

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/pittsburgh-public-schools-adds-16-electric-buses-fleet/SPTXGBH73NHCVMOICXKRU4H5HU/>

Daily Courier: Southmoreland OKs energy-savings plans

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/southmoreland-oks-energy-savings-plans/article_1d6dea12-7b37-4bc7-b1ec-0790edc64649.html

Tribune-Review: North Huntingdon parks will see new security cameras, drinking fountains
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/north-huntingdon-parks-will-see-new-security-cameras-drinking-fountains/>

Pennlive: Clean energy, strong economy: Pennsylvania's budget seeks both
<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2025/03/clean-energy-strong-economy-pennsylvanias-budget-seeks-both-pennlive-letters.html>

Altoona Mirror: Convention Center completes upgrades
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/03/convention-center-completes-upgrades/>

Oil and Gas

Bradford Era: Local oil purchasers increase prices
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/local-oil-purchasers-increase-prices/article_08bda429-4f3f-4111-91bb-277aebc15297.html

Waste

Beaver County Times: Free electronic recycling event coming to Riverside School District on April 1
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2025/03/19/free-electronic-recycling-event-coming-to-riverside-school-district-2025-beaver-county/82516886007/>

Tribune-Review: South Hills nonprofit seeks to recycle, reuse old yard signs
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/south-hills-nonprofit-seeks-to-recycle-reuse-old-yard-signs/>

Water

River Reporter: A single protester crosses yellow tape to 'save' Skinners Falls Bridge
<https://riverreporter.com/stories/a-single-protester-crosses-yellow-tape-to-save-skinners-falls-bridge,188771>

Tribune-Democrat: Funding cuts may impact health of restored area waterways
https://www.tribdem.com/news/funding-cuts-may-impact-health-of-restored-area-waterways/article_a542cfe4-01ed-11f0-84e3-e33f061165c1.html

Tribune-Review: Westmoreland County water authority board allocates funds for fire hydrant replacements
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/water-authority-board-allocates-funds-for-fire-hydrant-replacements/>

WFMZ: Heated debate erupts over Crystal Lake restoration at community meeting
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/reading-area/heated-debate-erupts-over-crystal-lake-restoration-at-community-meeting/article_8197a670-638c-4dcd-bce4-113dcf818a1b.html

Miscellaneous

The Mon Valley Independent: Fire officials issue warnings as brush fire season ramps up
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/03/20/fire-officials-issue-warnings-as-brush-fire-season-ramps-up/>

WPXI: Brush fire burns up to 2.5 acres around Duquesne Light substation in Ross Township
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/brush-fire-near-duquesne-light-substation-shaler-prompts-large-emergency-response/LZDHXA4PE5GIXIYFTIBALMER4/>

Pennlive: Central Pa. community declares war on vultures: 'It is a health and safety issue'
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/03/central-pa-community-declares-war-on-vultures-it-is-a-health-and-safety-issue.html>

Carlisle Sentinel: Borough vs. bird: Carlisle program combats vulture damage
https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article_16b06b42-3667-4583-a5f5-cd4d235a4b0a.html

WFMZ: Amity police step up speed monitoring with new solar-powered readers
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/southern-berks-county/amity-police-step-up-speed-monitoring-with-new-solar-powered-readers/article_b1669a9a-4a7d-444e-809c-e88f6c9d1da3.html

WFMZ: Organization highlights importance of wildlife corridors in Pennsylvania
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/organization-highlights-importance-of-wildlife-corridors-in-pennsylvania/article_8b8126ab-291c-428b-8872-d54cccb1fd7c.html

WFMZ: Planned burn in Schuylkill and Berks counties aims to restore habitat and reduce wildfire risk
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/planned-burn-in-schuylkill-and-berks-counties-aims-to-restore-habitat-and-reduce-wildfire-risk/article_47d7e1bc-e49d-4ba7-833b-c5817d58620f.html