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Top DEP Stories

WHYY: An invasive tick is swarming southeastern Pa. Here's what you need to know
<https://whyy.org/articles/asian-longhorned-tick-pennsylvania-forests/>

Climate Change

CBS3: Legislation to be introduced aimed at banning single-use plastic bags in Pennsylvania
<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/pennsylvania-single-use-plastic-bag-legislation/>

CNN: Climate and weather scientists are joining the anti-Trump resistance in the most 'scientist-iest' way: 100 hours of livestreamed presentations
<https://www.cnn.com/scientists-resistance-livestream-trump>

Conservation and Recreation

KDKA: Pittsburgh Zoo welcomes 3 adorable armadillo pups
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-zoo-armadillo-pups/>

WESA: Pittsburgh's parks improve access, creep higher in national ranking
<https://www.wesa.fm/identity-community/2025-05-28/pittsburgh-parks-improve-national-ranking>

WTaj: New Sideling Hill Service Center Trailhead connects Turnpike travelers to Bedford County's outdoor treasures
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/new-sideling-hill-service-center-trailhead-connects-turnpike-travelers-to-bedford-countys-outdoor-treasures/>

Lock Haven Express: Bixel promoted to manager at conservation district
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/05/bixel-promoted-to-manager-at-conservation-district/>

Renovo Record: Pennsylvania's 600-Mile Northcentral Regional ATV Trail Open for 2025 Season
<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/126050>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Parks, fire equipment and tabling an agreement with Cutting Edge Baseball
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/05/parks-fire-equipment-and-tabling-an-agreement-with-cutting-edge-baseball/>

Energy

Pennlive: PAs potential data center mirage--and your electric bill

<https://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2025/05/pas-potential-data-center-mirage-and-your-electric-bill-opinion.html>

WFMZ: Higher electric bills coming soon across Pennsylvania

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/higher-electric-bills-coming-soon-across-pennsylvania/article_7d5cd7f6-82e4-4d11-a77b-0f59d107684d.html

NorthcentralPA.com: PPL offers rebates in exchange for small appliances

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/local/ppl-offers-rebates-in-exchange-for-small-appliances/article_d13a8736-da8c-45a5-b8d7-ce388cd4d561.html

Mining

PublicSource: Federal officials call miners' health a 'priority' while defunding local mine safety researchers

<https://www.publicsource.org/rfk-niosh-mining-coal-health-pennsylvania-pittsburgh-black-lung/>

PFAS

Philly Burbs: How are Bucks County water systems dealing with PFAS? It depends.

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/05/28/bucks-county-water-systems-to-treat-pfas-what-is-new-epa-limit-federal-rules-pennvest-loans-grants/83775381007/>

Water

WTAE: Pittsburgh Carmalt students to learn remotely for second day after water main break occurs inside building

<https://www.wtae.com/article/water-main-break-remote-learning-pittsburgh-carmalt-students-tuesday/64885047>

Lancaster Farming: Stroud Water Research Floats New Restoration Approaches to Chesapeake Bay Cleanup

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/stroud-water-research-floats-new-restoration-approaches-to-chesapeake-bay-cleanup/article_5acb277d-be70-46d7-8a95-68917ea59abd.html

Lancaster Farming: Pennsylvania Farmer Works With Stroud to Improve Water Quality

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/conservation/pennsylvania-farmer-works-with-stroud-to-improve-water-quality/article_d97f1430-a64d-4861-9504-847507a3407d.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Commissioners take action on fish habitat, storm pond projects at weekly meeting

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/05/commissioners-take-action-on-several-items-at-weekly-meeting/>

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-single-use-plastic-bag-legislation/>

Tribune-Democrat: PHOTO GALLERY | 'As long as it takes': Shapiro says help for flood victims available; state will help region rebuild
https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/photo-gallery-as-long-as-it-takes-shapiro-says-help-for-flood-victims-available-state/article_8cbb6da4-5bed-41ce-9877-6fa768a2510a.html

WJAC: Governor Shapiro tours affected areas; pledges aid to Somerset County flood victims
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/governor-shapiro-tours-affected-areas-pledges-aid-to-somerset-county-flood-victims#>

Tribune-Review: Burrell students teach, mentor younger generation on environment
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/burrell-students-teach-mentor-younger-generation-on-environment/>

Tribune-Review: As Trump cuts research money, Shapiro pitches \$50M for science, innovation
<https://triblive.com/news/politics-election/as-trump-cuts-research-money-shapiro-pitches-50m-for-science-innovation/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Ron Cole: Sustainability helps institutions get ahead of their peers
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2025/05/28/sustainability-green-to-gold-competitive-advantage-allegheeny-college-ron-cole/stories/202505210001>

York Dispatch: State officials promote native plant species to combat invasive ones
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/pennsylvania/2025/05/27/state-officials-promote-native-plant-species-to-combat-invasive-ones/83877863007/>

Bedford Gazette: History, nature come alive in Shawnee programs
https://www.bedfordgazette.com/news/local/history-nature-come-alive-in-shawnee-programs/article_e1215929-09fa-4ced-925b-192eda97d5b8.html

WTAJ: Altoona High School students clean up parks for 'Toona Tune-Up' initiative
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/altoona-high-school-students-clean-up-parks-for-toona-tune-up-initiative/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: SEPTA cuts equal longer commutes
<https://www.inquirer.com/transportation/inq2/septa-service-cuts-regional-rail-schedules-morning-commutes-20250528.html?variant=2>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Grays Ferry Avenue is already a speedway. CHOP's mammoth garage will make it even worse.

<https://www.inquirer.com/columnists/chop-childrens-hospital-grays-ferry-parking-garage-20250528.html?variant=2>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: 'Tiny homes' coming to Clinton County, promise eco-friendly living
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/business/2025/05/tiny-homes-coming-to-woodward-township/>