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Top DEP Stories

Latrobe Bulletin: Area environmental education projects get state funding

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/area-environmental-education-projects-get-state-funding/article_811ef9eb-1ae5-4766-9af7-804a2cd50178.html

Lehigh Valley News: Lehigh Valley cement company gets PA DEP approval to transport hazardous waste

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/lehigh-valley-cement-company-gets-pa-dep-approval-to-transport-hazardous-waste-by-rail>

Mentions

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Lou Tierno III: Natural gas isn't southwestern Pa.'s future

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2025/05/29/natural-gas-marcellus-shale-fort-cherry-development-district-renewal-energy-futu/stories/202505080007>

Bucks County Today: Water Quality Reports Available Online for Pennsylvania American Water Customers

<https://bucksco.today/2025/05/pa-american-water-quality-reports/>

Air

WBRE: Residents report citrus odor from kratom plant

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/residents-report-citrus-odor-from-kratom-plant/>

Climate Change

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Get ready for several years of killer heat, top weather forecasters warn

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/05/28/killer-heat-forecasters-climate-change-warming/stories/202505280074>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: This retiree left the nest to photograph eagles, owls and other wildlife

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/goodness/2025/05/29/dana-nesiti-photographer-hays-bald-eagles-pittsburgh/stories/202505220075>

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https://www.dailycourier.com/multimedia/bullskin-participates-in-trout-in-the-classroom-project/collection_8f405885-cd5b-4ea7-bd9a-e9221357125c.html

Herald Standard: On a mission Washington High School students plant trees, address erosion control at city park

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https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/game-commission-breaks-ground-on-py-wildlife-center/article_28157d33-0aad-46ce-97e2-427d3441cbf0.html

Huntingdon Daily News: Rain hinders trail work

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Gettysburg Times: Latimore Twp. farm to be preserved

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_65ecf157-02dd-443b-aabf-4198dbb25703.html

AP News: US peregrine falcons adapt well to city living as their coastal cousins struggle with bird flu

<https://apnews.com/article/peregrine-falcons-cities-bird-flu-a3eaea066e90959e59e8f85716edb91f>

Energy

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Electric bills in Pennsylvania are going up next month. Your utility can't help it.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/05/28/electric-bills-utilities-rates-pjm/stories/202505280077>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Eos Energy secures microgrid contract to power Native American tribe in California

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/28/eos-energy-faraday-microgrid.html>

WESA: With soaring summer temps ahead, AI data centers could strain electricity supplies in Pa.

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-05-29/hot-temperature-ai-data-centers>

WHYY: Electricity bills in Pa., Del., N.J. to rise starting June 1. Advocates say more renewables would lower future costs

<https://whyy.org/articles/pjm-audubon-pennsylvania-electricity-bills-utilities-increase/>

Mining

Gant News: U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities receives \$298,900 grant from Susquehanna River Basin Commission to support mine land reforestation in Pennsylvania

<https://gantnews.com/2025/05/22/u-s-endowment-for-forestry-and-communities-receives-298900-grant-from-susquehanna-river-basin-commission-to-support-mine-land-reforestation-in-pennsylvania/>

Oil and Gas

Pittsburgh Business Times: Watt Home system starts offering backup power solution in Peoples Natural Gas territory

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/05/28/watt-fuel-cell-peoples-natural-gas.html>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Commissioners support Leatherstocking gas line project

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/commissioners-support-leatherstocking-project/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Construction Begins on Dimock Water Project

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/construction-begins-on-dimock-water-project/>

PFAS

Philly Burbs: These 29 Bucks County water suppliers tested above EPA limits for forever chemicals in '24

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Waste

WFMZ: Sen. Schwank, local high school students work on advancing single use plastic bag ban

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Water

Erie Times: Great Lakes water levels undergoing seasonal rise. What are the levels in May?

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https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/clay-township-donates-1-000-to-chesapeake-bay-foundation/article_e2be5ad2-fe50-4340-a563-fd2afa67f9c6.html

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Knoxville plans reservoir sensory upgrades

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Miscellaneous

Lancaster Online: Here's how to get free tickets to see rare regal fritillary butterfly in Central Pa.

https://lancasteronline.com/features/home_garden/heres-how-to-get-free-tickets-to-see-rare-regal-fritillary-butterfly-in-central-pa/article_0051c5fd-e0cc-4232-9901-e21af3961efc.html

Chambersburg Public Opinion: Environmental students: Don't miss this Franklin County scholarship

<https://www.publicopiniononline.com/story/news/local/2025/05/29/franklin-county-students-a-scholarship-for-environmental-majors/83823959007/>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly schools under federal investigation for asbestos management practices

<https://www.inquirer.com/education/school-district-philadelphia-asbestos-investigation-20250528.html?variant=2>