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Top DEP Stories

Clearfield Progress-News: Clearfield County Conservation District receives \$790k grant
https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/clearfield-county-conservation-district-receives-790k-grant/article_c264cb21-1277-4767-86f8-9ecfc6dc51c3.html

Mentions

WNEP: Ashland residents dealing with pink tap water after plant malfunction
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/schuylkill-county/ashland-residents-dealing-with-pink-tap-water-after-plant-malfunction-schuylkill-county/523-3bda090d-e5fa-4c78-85e1-43de0e4d9359?tbref=hp>

DuBois Courier-Express: DuBois to pay \$18k penalty for February wastewater discharge
https://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/dubois-to-pay-18-000-penalty-for-february-wastewater-discharge/article_7e71dbdd-f689-4011-8dc4-66f3ef0c0da4.html

Clearfield Progress-News: Curwensville gets whitewater park update
https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/curwensville-gets-whitewater-park-update/article_92125b16-b656-4967-9430-dd134c18db67.html

Gant News: Searching for slimy, shiny brownish stuff: A retiree's quest to help track down PA's abandoned oil wells
<https://gantnews.com/2026/10/09/searching-for-slimy-shiny-brownish-stuff-a-retirees-quest-to-help-track-down-pa-s-abandoned-oil-wells/>

Climate Change

ABC27: El Niño's storm-killer winds and climate's warming waters in fight over future of Hurricane Isaias
<https://www.abc27.com/national/el-ninos-storm-killer-winds-and-climates-warming-waters-in-fight-over-future-of-hurricane-isaias/>

Conservation and Recreation

Tri County Independent: Hunters have 3 tiers of access to 2,000 private properties across Pa.
<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/story/sports/outdoors/2026/10/06/new-pennsylvania-hunter-access-program-explained/92119214007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epi=z115701e008810v115701d--57--b--57--&gca-ft=137&gca-ds=sophi>

Gant News: Conservation Education Scholarships provided in partnership by the Keystone Elk Country Alliance and Seneca Resources awarded to seven applicants

<https://gantnews.com/2026/10/09/conservation-education-scholarships-provided-in-partnership-by-the-keystone-elk-country-alliance-and-seneca-resources-company-llc-awarded-to-seven-applicants/>

Gant News: Keystone Elk Country Alliance Announces Terry Bryant Memorial Tree Grove at Elk Country Visitor Center

<https://gantnews.com/2026/10/07/keystone-elk-country-alliance-announces-terry-bryant-memorial-tree-grove-at-elk-country-visitor-center/>

Gant News: \$5.2 million in improvements at Cherry Springs State Park marks completion, protecting dark skies

<https://gantnews.com/2026/09/29/5-2-million-in-improvements-at-cherry-springs-state-park-marks-completion-protecting-dark-skies/>

Shamokin News-Item: Boroughs of Kulpmont, Mount Carmel receive state grant funding to improve public lands

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/boroughs-of-kulpmont-mount-carmel-receive-state-grant-funding-to-improve-public-lands/article_7084f75e-7f55-4906-b70a-dfa5e2b911bb.html

Data Centers

Herald-Standard: Starpointe data center developer paid for flights, lunch for township supervisors

https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/2026/oct/09/starpointe-data-center-developer-paid-for-flights-lunch-for-township-supervisors/

TribLive: Upper Burrell sets date for public hearing, likely vote on data center ordinance

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/upper-burrell-sets-date-for-public-hearing-likely-vote-on-data-center-ordinance/>

WJAC: Taylor Township residents voice concerns over potential AI data center development

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/taylor-township-residents-voice-concerns-over-potential-ai-data-center-development>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: As data center backlash grows, residents in Forward Township beg leaders to 'please, please hear us'

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/tech-news/2026/10/08/butler-county-forward-township-data-center-backlash/stories/202610020033>

Scranton Times: Archbald residents show resistance to Project Gravity data centers

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/10/08/archbald-residents-show-resistance-to-project-gravity-data-centers/>

Pennlive: 'Staggering amount': Dauphin County township could receive \$120M from data center developer

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/10/staggering-amount-dauphin-county-township-could-receive-120m-from-data-center-developer.html>

Pennlive: Developer behind Perry County data center proposes multi-million-dollar community agreement

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/10/developer-behind-perry-county-data-center-proposes-multi-million-dollar-community-agreement.html>

WITF: Swatara Twp. residents question data centers planned near homes, church

<https://www.witf.org/2026/10/08/swatara-twp-residents-question-data-centers-planned-near-homes-church/>

Towanda Daily Review: Meeting held on possible data center plans in Wysox, Asylum Townships

https://www.thedailyreview.com/news/local/meeting-held-on-possible-data-center-plans-in-wysox-asylum-townships/article_801db6e9-4863-4a9c-be5d-57d782f8eb09.html

Yahoo.com: Shapiro, Garrity clash on data centers, measles response in Pennsylvania governor debate: 4 takeaways

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/shapiro-garrity-clash-data-centers-025023921.html>

Drought

Lancaster Farming: Drought Hampers Hay Production in Parts of Mid-Atlantic

https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/field-crops/drought-hampers-hay-production-in-parts-of-mid-atlantic/article_4f0a88e6-54bc-4cfd-bdd8-87a115e5f918.html

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: Fast-growing Lighthouse Electric stays close to its roots with new headquarters

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/10/08/lighthouse-electric-new-headquarters.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Duquesne Light, IBEW reach tentative agreement to end strike

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/10/09/duquesne-light-ibew-local-29-tentative-agreement.html>

PFAS

Shamokin News-Item: Bill limiting use of PFAS in firefighting foam approved by Senate

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/with-fire-prevention-week-underway-bill-limiting-use-of-pfas-in-foam-approved-by-senate/article_d05448b6-5cbc-48e7-a4f3-270979925726.html

Waste

TribLive: Freeport considers study to rectify power outage issues at sewage plant

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/freeport-considers-study-to-rectify-power-outage-issues-at-sewage-plant/>

Water

Lebanon Daily News: City of Lebanon Authority lifts request to reduce water usage
<https://www.ldnews.com/story/news/local/2026/10/08/authority-officials-end-voluntary-water-conservation-request/92151600007/>

Lebtown: CoLA lifts water conservation request as county returns to normal drought status
<https://lebtown.com/2026/10/08/cola-lifts-water-conservation-request-as-county-returns-to-normal-drought-status/>

Huntingdon Daily News: Township supervisors issue sewer warning
https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/township-supervisors-issue-sewer-warning/article_9c6667b5-7c14-470e-9db9-548eb78a22a6.html

CBS21: Neighbors rally against 3 million-gallon water tank proposed off their backyards
<https://local21news.com/news/local/neighbors-rally-against-3-million-gallon-water-tank-proposed-off-their-backyards-100-feet-tall-appalachian-avenue-upper-allen-township-veolia-water-commissioners-pennsylvania-pa>

FOX43: Low water at Lake Marburg sparks confusion from visitors
<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/low-water-at-lake-marburg-sparks-confusion-and-from-visitors-outdoors-people-recreation/521-ff7eb96d-5d5f-445b-8afc-c32e0c14e37c>

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Levittown Now: Middletown Approves Plan To Clean Green Pond In Neighborhood
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Daily Local: Hoffmans Dam in Chadds Ford removed
<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/10/09/hoffmans-dam-in-chadds-ford-removed/>

Miscellaneous

Lehighvalleylive: Social media posts depict 100-foot jump into Bangor quarry. DA issues warning.
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/northampton-county/2026/10/social-media-posts-depict-100-foot-jump-into-bangor-quarry-da-issues-warning.html>

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https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/northampton-county/nazareth-northampton-area/east-allen-reviews-proposed-atiyeh-project-on-beth-bath-pike/article_b5492d82-6864-4005-84a6-387d239f75a2.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Local-Govt

Philadelphia Today: Phorid Flies Swarm Chester County Homes Near Mushroom Farms Again This Fall
<https://philadelphia.today/2026/10/phorid-flies-chester-county-mushroom-farms/>

Philly 17: Philadelphia area to get widespread rain from Hurricane Isaias remnants
<https://phl17.com/weather/philadelphia-area-to-get-widespread-rain-from-hurricane-isaias-remnants/>