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Top DEP Stories

Sierra Magazine: PFAS are silently poisoning people's drinking water

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/pfas-are-silently-poisoning-people-s-drinking-water>

Mentions

WPXI: Neighbors hear nonprofit's preliminary testing results amid concerns about odors near paint plant

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/neighbors-hear-nonprofits-preliminary-testing-results-amid-concerns-about-odors-near-paint-plant/5Q3ZMMMCORGG3POOG3NV4BOWSM/>

Butler Eagle: Summit Sewer Authority to review approved sewer plan with DEP after application for funding fails vote

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20261013/summit-sewer-authority-to-review-approved-sewer-plan-with-dep-after-application-for-funding-fails-vo/>

Sunbury Daily Item: PA small towns set to get latest wave of federal funding for EV chargers

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Concerns voiced about proposed waste station

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/10/12/1/concerns-voiced-about-waste-station>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Riverside meeting provides very little assurance about closing Merck facility

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/10/11/1/riverside-meeting-provides-very-little-assurance>

Air

WHYY: A network of air quality monitors grows in a formerly redlined area of West Philadelphia

<https://whyy.org/articles/air-quality-monitors-west-philadelphia-redlining/>

Conservation and Recreation

WVIA: Centuries-old trees, unique ecosystems: State park in Schuylkill County now part of national network

<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2026-10-11/centuries-old-trees-unique-ecosystems-state-park-in-schuylkill-county-now-part-of-national->

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Sunbury Daily Item: Bucknell botanist: Climate change is reshaping fall foliage season
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Sunbury Daily Item: Missing foliage (LTE)
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https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/lock-haven-senior-uses-landscape-paintings-to-study-past-forests/article_63df5e87-7688-408e-9f60-71469a335459.html

Data Centers

WTAE: Elizabeth Township data center proposal still in early stages after contentious town hall
<https://www.wtae.com/article/elizabeth-township-data-center-town-hall/74126499>

WJAC: Clearfield County advances development guidelines for large-scale projects
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WESA: Organizers say Springdale data center “not a done deal.” Allegheny County has the final say.
<https://www.wesanews.org/development-transportation/2026-10-14/springdale-data-center-allegheny-county-hearings>

TribLive: Data center proposed for South Huntingdon: ‘Still in early stages’
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/data-center-proposed-for-south-huntingdon-still-in-early-stages/>

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<https://www.publicsource.org/springdale-data-center-county-saldo-review/>

Public Source: Data center proves a tough sell at Elizabeth Township town hall
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Butler Eagle: Penn Township adopts ordinance restricting data center development
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New Castle News: Company appeals zoning board denials for data center

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Lehighvalleylive: Upper Mount Bethel Township hires land use attorney for data center fight

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