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New Federal Administration

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-- Inquirer: [President's Administration Appeals Federal Court Ruling Ordering Restoration Of Slavery Exhibits In Philadelphia](#)

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President's Tariffs

- AP: [US Supreme Court Strikes Down President's Sweeping Tariffs, Upending Central Plank Of His Economic Agenda; Push Expected To Refund \\$133 Billion Collected](#)
- AP: [President Imposes 10% Global Tariff By Executive Order](#)
- AP: [President To Raise Global Tariff To 15%, After US Supreme Court Decision](#)
- Post-Gazette: [Pittsburgh-Area Companies Brace For What Comes Next In The President's Tariff Roller Coaster](#)
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-- Adirondack Explorer: [USGS Study Shows Fish Populations Double In Adirondack Streams Following 40 Years Of Controlling Power Plant Emissions Causing Acid Rain](#)

-- Bloomberg Opinion: [Onsite Generators A.I. 'Bring Your Own Generation' Electricity Stopgap Needs A Big Caveat](#)

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-- LancasterOnline: [Lancaster's Philip Witmer Becomes One Of Few To Complete 8,000 Mile Border-To-Border Triple Crown Hiking Challenge In Calendar Year](#)

-- Pennsylvania Audubon Council: [100th Community Joins Bird Town Pennsylvania Program](#) [PaEN]

-- TribLive: [McCandless, Allegheny County, Named 96th Bird Town In Pennsylvania](#)

-- Chester County Press: [Octoraro Watershed Assn. Photo Contest Seeks Entries](#) [Chester, Lancaster Counties]

Biodiversity/Invasive Species

-- PA Invasive [Replace-ive Program To Encourage Replacing Invasive Species With Native Plants To Continue, Expand In 2026](#) [PaEN]

-- PA Interfaith [Power & Light Launches Roots, Branches & Hands Initiative To Plant 55,000 Native Trees And Shrubs](#) [PaEN]

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-- PennLive - Claudia Dimuro: [Bats, Terns And Other Species You Might Not Realize Are Endangered In PA](#)

-- Republican Herald: [Bald Eagles Set A Record At Hawk Mountain Sanctuary](#)

-- York Daily Record: [Bald Eagle Found In York County Dies From Apparent Lead Poisoning](#)

[Raven Ridge Wildlife Center](#)

- Republican Herald: [Red Creek Wildlife Center Helping Animals Struggling To Survive Winter](#)
- York Daily Record: [Bobcat Rescued From Car Grille In Adams County, Donations Needed For Rehab, Raven Ridge Wildlife Center](#)
- Farm & Dairy: [PA To Conduct First-Ever Statewide Firefly Inventory](#)
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Budget

- Independent Fiscal Office [Long-Term Budget Outlook: Even With Governor's 'Skill' Games, Spending Policy Changes, Deficits Will Not Clear Up Until After 2029-30](#)

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- Chesapeake Bay Journal: [Proposed Chesapeake Bay Program Restructuring To Meet Revised Cleanup Goals Expected By Summer](#)
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, [EPA Award \\$44.2 Million In Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient/Sediment Reduction, Small Watershed Grants; Over \\$19 Million In PA](#) [PaEN]
- Coldwater Heritage Partnership [Now Accepting Applications For Coldwater Conservation Grants; Energy Transfer/Sunoco Pipeline Penalty Funding](#) [PaEN]
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- Chesapeake Bay Journal: [Overshadowed By PFAS 'Forever Chemicals,' PCBs Remain A Toxic Threat To Chesapeake Bay Watershed Waters](#)
- Chesapeake Bay Journal: [Permanent Fix For Huge Sewage Spill Into Potomac River Still Months Away](#)
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- Penn State Extension [Hosts March 18 In-Person Seeds To Saplings Saving Streams Workshop In York County](#) [PaEN]
- Carol Parenzan, [Environmental Engineer, Author, Launches The Water Healer™, Debuts 'From the Rivers to the Bay,' a New Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education Series](#) [PaEN]
- Forests For The Chesapeake Bay News: [Hobbyist's Guide To Maple Sugaring; Upcoming Events](#)
- Help Wanted: [Chesapeake Bay Foundation PA Streams & Schoolyards Manager, Field Educator](#) [PaEN]
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-- Three Rivers WaterKeeper [Announces Intent To Sue US Steel, Irvin Works Plant For Oil Discharges Into The Monongahela River](#) [PaEN]

-- The Allegheny Front/WESA: [Three Rivers WaterKeeper Says 'Alarming' Levels Of PFAS 'Forever Chemicals' From Pittsburgh Airport Are Being Discharged Into Montour Run](#)

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- The Derrick: [Venango County To Host Electronics Waste Recycling Event Feb. 28](#)
- Post-Gazette: [New Initiative Aims To Keep Pittsburgh's Riverfronts Clean And Accessible](#)
- The Allegheny Front: [A New RiverLife Initiative Will Maintain Pittsburgh's Riverfront Trails And Parks](#)
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-- Philadelphia Solar Energy [Assn: March 5 Webinar - Energy Affordability - How Plug-In Solar Energy Can Help](#) [PaEN]

-- Planet Philadelphia [Radio Program Feb. 20: What's Needed To Solve Climate Change? With Dr. Mark Z. Jacobson](#), 4:00 p.m.

-- WESA - Rachel McDevitt: [Pittsburgh's Poor Neighborhoods Are Hotter Due To More Asphalt, Fewer Trees, CMU Study Finds](#)

-- WESA - Rachel McDevitt: [Appliance Energy, Water Efficiency Standards Save Pennsylvanians Money, But Establishing New Ones May Be Difficult](#)

-- Reuters: [Solar Energy On The Rise In Gas-Rich Pennsylvania](#)

-- NYTimes: [24 States Weigh Legislation To Allow You To Make Your Own Electricity With Small, Plug-In Solar Power Systems](#)

-- Financial Times: [Why Rivers In Northern Alaska, Siberia Are Turning Orange Like Abandoned Mine Drainage](#) [Spoiler: Global Warming] [PDF of Article]

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-- Eastern PA Coalition For Abandoned Mine Reclamation: [Report On Repurposing Flooded Abandoned Coal Strip Mines For Cooling Purposes, Heating Storage, Solar Development](#)

-- PennLive: [Girardville, Schuylkill County Struggles To Conquer The Curse Of Coal As It Literally Crumbles Away](#) [Part I]

-- PennLive: [Girardville, Schuylkill County Coal Town A 'Blank Slate' For Spanish Speaking Newcomers From Mexico, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Can They Spur A Rebirth?](#) [Part II]

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- **Today's Violations:** DEP: **Big Dog Energy LLC** failed to comply with Order to plug shale gas well in **Gulich Twp., Clearfield County** for 998 days and counting. [DEP inspection report](#).
- **Today's Violations:** DEP: **M4 Energy LLC** failed to comply with Order to restore shale gas well site in **Stewart Twp., Fayette County** for 1,517 days and counting. [DEP inspection report](#)
- **Today's Violations:** DEP: **CNX Gas Co LLC** failed to submit initial cleanup report from January 2 spill of wastewater at the NV48 shale gas well pad in **Morris Twp., Greene County** for 41 days and counting. [DEP inspection report](#).
- **Today's Violations:** DEP: **EQT Chap LLC** failed to obtain approval for the disposal and processing of drilling cuttings on the Edenborn shale gas well pad in **German Twp., Fayette County**. [DEP inspection report](#).
- **Today's Violations:** DEP: **Diversified Prod LLC** failed to report a release of wastewater at the Spesak conventional well site in **Fallowfield Twp., Washington County**. [DEP inspection report](#).
- **Today's Violations:** DEP: **EQT Prod Co** failed to plug the abandoned Spangler 454 conventional well in **Monroeville Boro, Allegheny County** to prevent the flow of gas for 326 days and counting. [DEP inspection report](#).
- Post-Gazette: [How Washington County-based Corsa Coal Company Exec Bribed Egyptian Officials As The Company Collapsed Into Bankruptcy](#)
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- DCNR [To Host Feb. 25 Virtual Public Meeting To Discuss Presque Isle State Park, Erie Bluffs State Park, Tom Ridge Environmental Center Master Plan In Erie](#) [PaEN]
- DCNR Grants News: [340+ Grant Projects Completed In 2025; ATV/Snowmobile Grants Open; Trail Education Grants; PRPS Conference; PA Land Conference](#)
- DCNR Resource [News Highlights Governor's Budget; Conestoga River Of The Year; Grant Opportunities Open](#) [PaEN]
- PA Organization [For Watersheds & Rivers Now Accepting Applications For Grants To Support Local River Sojourns](#) [PaEN]
- DCNR LinkedIn: [Recognizing Roots In New Growth: Ralph Brock's Impact - Present And Future - New StoryMap](#) [PDF of Article]
- DCNR [Names Emma Isaacson Assistant Manager Of Ridley Creek State Park Complex In SE PA](#)
- Erie Times: [Presque Isle Beaches Lacking Federal Funding For Sand For 2nd Year](#)
- Warren Times: [DEP Progresses In Plugging 18 Conventional Oil Wells Abandoned By Their Owners At Chapman Dam State Park](#) [PDF of Article]
- Warren Times: [Public Input Sought For Northwest PA Outdoor Recreation Study](#)
- PA Wilds Center [Seeking Partnerships For Paid, Story-Driven Creator Placements Focused On Outdoor Recreation, Small Towns, Authentic Experiences Across The PA Wilds](#)
- TribLive: [Panhandle Trail Extension Receives \\$850,000 Boost In Allegheny County](#)
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- Inquirer: [Historic Chester County Bridge Will Be Rehabbed To Extend A Scenic Trail](#)
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- LancasterOnline: [Lancaster's Philip Witmer Becomes One Of Few To Complete 8,000 Mile Border-To-Border Triple Crown Hiking Challenge In Calendar Year](#)
- Pennsylvania Audubon Council: [100th Community Joins Bird Town Pennsylvania Program](#) [PaEN]
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- Chester County Press: [Octoraro Watershed Assn. Photo Contest Seeks Entries](#) [Chester, Lancaster Counties]

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- Foundation For PA Watersheds [Now Accepting Applications For New Round Of Grants; Feb. 18 Webinar](#) [PaEN]
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-- POWER Interfaith [Hosts Feb. 22 In-Person People's Hearing On Community Based, Affordable, Clean Electricity Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia](#)

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-- Penn State [Extension Feb. 24 Webinar - Growing With Master Gardeners Program](#), Noon

-- The Derrick: [Venango County To Host Electronics Waste Recycling Event Feb. 28](#)

-- Registration Open [For 5-Part Ag Water Webinar Series Starting March 2; Penn State Extension Watershed News](#) [PaEN]

-- Lycoming College [Environmental Justice Symposium Hosts Series Of Lectures March 4, March 17, April 11 On Environmental Impacts, Justice Issues](#)

-- Green Building Alliance: [Masano Auto Park Adaptive Reuse And Sustainability Innovations Tour March 4, Reading, Berks County](#). Noon to 2:00 p.m.

-- Philadelphia Solar Energy [Assn: March 5 Webinar - Energy Affordability - How Plug-In Solar Energy Can Help](#) [PaEN]

-- The Derrick: [Seneca Rocks Audubon Society Hosts March 11 'Leave No Trace' Program In Clarion](#)

-- 12th Annual [Pennsylvania Renewables Summit Set For March 16-17 In Harrisburg Area](#) [PaEN]

-- Penn State Extension [Hosts March 18 In-Person Seeds To Saplings Saving Streams Workshop In York County](#) [PaEN]

-- North Branch [Land Trust Annual Dinner March 25 In Wilkes-Barre](#) [Click Here For Tickets]

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-- Penn State Extension [Hosts Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference June 4-5 In Huntingdon County](#) [PaEN]

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- Monday, Feb. 9: [DEP Issues Code Orange Particulate Air Quality Alert For Liberty-Clairton In Allegheny County](#)
- Tuesday, Feb. 10: [DEP Declares Code Orange Air Quality Action Day For Liberty-Clairton Area In Allegheny County, Susquehanna Valley](#)
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- Help Wanted: [Chesapeake Bay Foundation PA Streams & Schoolyards Manager, Field Educator](#) [PaEN]

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- Pennsylvania [Invests Nearly \\$7.1 Million To Protect 1,905 Acres Of Farmland On 25 Farms In 17 Counties](#) [PaEN]
- Manada Conservancy [Announces New Kittatinny Landowner Stories Video Series On Land Conservation](#) [PaEN]
- Chesapeake Bay Program: [Pay-For-Success Projects Reduce Nutrient, Sediment Pollution As Part Of the Conowingo Dam Watershed Implementation Plan In York County](#) [PaEN]
- Penn State Extension [Hosts Mid-Atlantic Agroforestry Conference June 4-5 In Huntingdon County](#) [PaEN]
- USDA [Natural Resources Conservation Service-PA To Hold 10 Local Working Group](#)

Meetings From Feb. 23 to April 3 [PaEN]

- Registration Open For 5-Part Ag Water Webinar Series Starting March 2; Penn State Extension Watershed News [PaEN]
- DCNR Grants News: 340+ Grant Projects Completed In 2025; ATV/Snowmobile Grants Open; Trail Education Grants; PRPS Conference; PA Land Conference
- Chesapeake Bay Journal: Proposed Chesapeake Bay Program Restructuring To Meet Revised Cleanup Goals Expected By Summer
- Master Watershed Steward Stephen Hinds Helps Restore Riverbanks In Delaware County [PaEN]
- Foundation For PA Watersheds Now Accepting Applications For New Round Of Grants; Feb. 18 Webinar [PaEN]
- Coldwater Heritage Partnership Now Accepting Applications For Coldwater Conservation Grants; Energy Transfer/Sunoco Pipeline Penalty Funding [PaEN]
- Columbia Gas Of PA Now Accepting Applications For 2026 Environmental Action Grants [PaEN]
- Penn State Extension Hosts March 18 In-Person Seeds To Saplings Saving Streams Workshop In York County [PaEN]
- Penn State Extension Ag Conservation News: Multifunction Riparian Buffers; Grazing Management; Online Learning
- Penn State Extension Hosts April 7 Webinar On Grazing Sheep At Solar Energy Facilities [PaEN]
- PA Invasive Replace-ive Program To Encourage Replacing Invasive Species With Native Plants To Continue, Expand In 2026 [PaEN]
- PA Interfaith Power & Light Launches Roots, Branches & Hands Initiative To Plant 55,000 Native Trees And Shrubs [PaEN]
- Forests For The Chesapeake Bay News: Hobbyist's Guide To Maple Sugaring; Upcoming Events
- North Branch Land Trust Annual Dinner March 25 In Wilkes-Barre [Click Here For Tickets]
- Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader: North Branch Land Trust To Host Dinner/Auction March 25
- Lehigh Valley's Wildlands Conservancy Highlights March Experiences, Educational Programs

Land Recycling

- Green Building Alliance: Masano Auto Park Adaptive Reuse And Sustainability Innovations Tour March 4, Reading, Berks County. Noon to 2:00 p.m.

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Lake Erie

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Littering/Illegal Dumping

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-- The Allegheny Front: [A New RiverLife Initiative Will Maintain Pittsburgh's Riverfront Trails And Parks](#)

-- The Derrick: [Venango County To Host Electronics Waste Recycling Event Feb. 28](#)

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-- Eastern PA Coalition For Abandoned Mine Reclamation: [Report On Repurposing Flooded Abandoned Coal Strip Mines For Cooling Purposes, Heating Storage, Solar Development](#)

-- Financial Times: [Why Rivers In Northern Alaska, Siberia Are Turning Orange Like Abandoned Mine Drainage](#) [Spoiler: Global Warming] [PDF of Article]

Ohio River

-- House Environmental Committee [Told Water Quality Restoration Efforts Need To Be Better Targeted; Important 'Emerging Contaminants' Need To Be Addressed; Cuts In Federal Funding Slowing Progress](#) [PaEN]

-- Post-Gazette: [DEP Report Finds Southwestern PA Streams Among 37% In State That Are Water Quality Impaired](#)

-- Three Rivers WaterKeeper [Announces Intent To Sue US Steel, Irvin Works Plant For Oil Discharges Into The Monongahela River](#) [PaEN]

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Oil & Gas

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- Bloomberg: [President's \\$33 Billion Ohio Natural Gas Power Plant Project Short On Details, Hasn't Secured Binding Commitments, Needs A Lock On Equipment Suppliers, A Complete Surprise To State Regulators, PJM Grid Operator](#)
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