

Friends of PEC,

April was highlighted by award recognition across the state.

PEC co-hosted the [annual Harrisburg Dinner](#) with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to honor 13 recipients of this year's Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence, and PEC earned a pair of awards itself last month.



This year's Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence honorees pose for a photo with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary John Quigley.

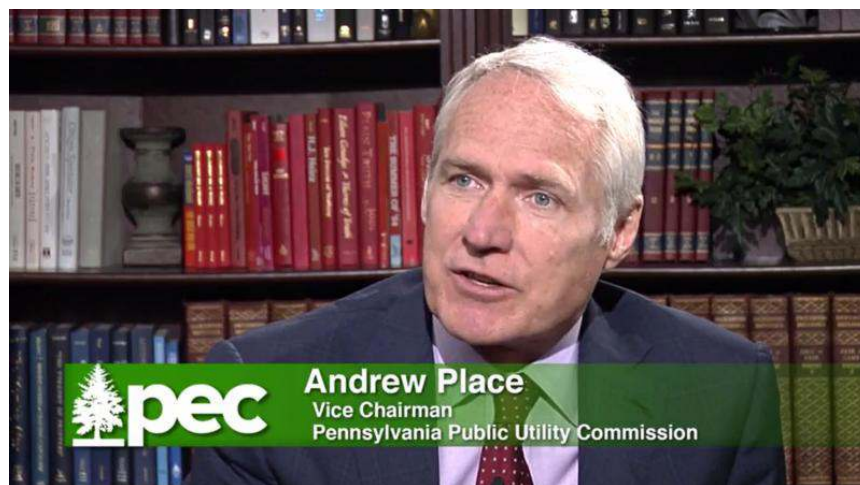
[PEC's Watershed Partnership Program](#) earned the [Achievement Award](#) at the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin Recognition Dinner. [PEC was also honored with the Friend of French Creek Award](#) at the French Creek Valley Conservancy's annual dinner.

Additionally, PEC announced the honorees of the [Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards](#) to be held on May 26, and also announced a [call for nominations for the 2016 Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards](#).

Trails and Recreation: PEC was on hand at Race Street Pier to celebrate [the](#)

[rebranding of the Circuit Trails and the beginning of trail season.](#)

Policy: PEC applauded the Independent Regulatory Review Commission's (IRRC) approval of [proposed regulations to enact long-overdue environmental protection and performance standards at oil and gas well sites.](#)



April's edition of "[Environmental Focus](#)" discussed methane emissions and their consequences for Pennsylvania in the natural gas age. Andrew Place, Vice Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, was the show's featured guest.



Press Releases

- [PEC Earns Achievement Award at the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin Recognition Dinner](#)
- [Harrisburg Dinner Honors Recipients of Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence](#)
- [PEC Honored with Friend of French Creek Award](#)
- [Local Programs to be Honored With Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards](#)
- [Nominations Sought for 2016 Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards](#)
- [Methane Emissions Featured in April's Environmental Focus](#)



PEC staff accepts its Achievement Award at the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin Recognition Dinner.



Policy

- [PEC Applauds IRRC Approval of Environmental Protections at Oil and Gas Well Sites](#)
- [PEC Sends Joint Letter to IRRC Urging the Approval of DEP's Chapter 78 Drilling Regulations](#)
- [PEC Restates Support for DEP Proposed Final Rulemaking for Oil and Gas Operations](#)
- [PEC Issues Support for SB116 and SB1168 in Letter to House Game & Fisheries Committee](#)



PEC in the News



With the celebration of Earth Day last month, [PEC's work in illegal dumpsite cleanups was featured](#) in the local media, while [PEC's efforts with the Allegheny River Town Program](#) were also highlighted.

[Click here](#) to read all five of the articles PEC was a part of last month.



Program Updates

[PEC Helps to Celebrate Circuit Trails Kick-Off Weekend](#)

The Circuit Trails kicked off the beginning of trail season with a relaunch event at Race Street Pier on April 15. To help celebrate the relaunch, PEC hosted a "[Passport to River Towns](#)" event along with a "[Light Bright Ride](#)" to get people out on Southeast Pennsylvania trails.



William Penn Foundation Executive Director Laura Sparks and PEC Executive Vice President Patrick Starr pose for a photo at The Circuit Trails' Opening Weekend Kick-Off event at Race Street Pier.

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