



Friends of PEC,

On May 26 PEC co-hosted the [Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards Dinner](#), recognizing honorees for their leadership in conservation efforts. Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn provided the keynote address.

While we recognized the work of others at the annual Pittsburgh dinner, PEC Executive Vice President Patrick Starr received an honor of his own last month, [earning the Delaware River City Corporation's Outstanding Service Award](#).



Members of the Crawford County Riparian Restoration Program pose for a photo with Pennsylvania DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn (second from right).

PEC program staff was engaged in work all across the state in May:

**Communities and landscapes:** [PEC organized 24 cleanups of illegal dumpsites](#), helping to remove over 91 tons of trash! In Southeast Pennsylvania, [the Schuylkill River Town Program](#) kicked off the beginning of trail season with trail events and walking tours.

**Trails and recreation:** PEC played a key role in planning and convening the third annual [Northeast Trails Symposium](#) last month. As part of the event, PEC Program Director for Trails

and Recreation Frank Maguire presented the first draft of [the regional gap analysis PEC is undertaking in the Poconos region](#) using [Gototrails.com](#).

**Watersheds:** [PEC has now presented the first five of its six regional watershed workshops](#), bringing together local organizations in various locations across the state to network and share best practices.



[PEC's Environmental Partnership Dinner](#) is next week, but there is still time to register! The dinner will feature renowned political and public affairs analyst Dr. G. Terry Madonna as its keynote speaker.



What's New



### Blogs

- [PEC Environment Ride Features New and Exciting Route in Year Six](#)



### Press Releases

- [PEC Co-Hosts 2016 Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards](#)
- [Patrick Starr Receives Delaware River City Corporation's 2016 Outstanding Service Award](#)



## Policy

- [PEC Expresses Concerns with House Bill 1967 as Written](#)



## PEC in the News



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Last month the media documented PEC's efforts in helping to [launch a mountain bike trail around Quemahoning Lake](#), while also highlighting the work of the [Schuylkill River Town Program. Edward Schroth](#), one of the six honorees at the Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards Dinner, also [received recognition](#) in a pair of articles highlighting his achievement.



# Program Updates



## [Schuylkill River Town Program Continues to Connect Communities to the River](#)

Through trail exploration and paddling events on the water, the Schuylkill River Town Program works to connect the community to the river.



## [Gototrails Being Used Statewide for Trail Planning](#)

Using Gototrails.com, PEC recently shared the first draft of the regional gap analysis it is undertaking in the Poconos region.



## [Over 170 Volunteers Help to Remove 91 Tons of Trash in PEC Community Illegal Dumpsite Cleanups](#)

Over the course of the spring season, PEC conducted 24 cleanups of illegal dumpsites across three Pennsylvania counties to remove over 91 tons of trash.



## [Pennsylvania Regional Watershed Group Workshops: Updates and Reflections](#)

Funded through a DEP Growing Greener Grant, PEC has hosted the first five of its six Pennsylvania Regional Watershed Workshops.



## [Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape Shifts Focus Toward Strategic Working Committees](#)

The Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape (LHCL) is shifting its focus toward strategic working communities that are at the core of the LHCL today.

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