



Friends of PEC,

What better way to spend a summer day than by exploring the beautiful trail networks in Pennsylvania and beyond?

That's exactly what PEC President Davitt Woodwell did last month, documenting his experiences in his [Busman's Holiday blog post](#), by way of the PEC website's newest multimedia capabilities. But more on those next month...



PEC President Davitt Woodwell documented his travels on trails in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia last month.

Trails and Greenways: PEC was front and center at the [K&T Rail Trail groundbreaking event](#) at Lardner's Point Park, an area that PEC has been actively involved in developing from a brownfield to a multi-purpose trail. Additionally, through a series of [Schuylkill River Town Program \(S RTP\)](#) bike rides, paddle trips, and more, S RTP connected local communities to the river through a series of events in July.

Registration is now open for a pair of PEC-sponsored trail conferences this fall! A summit to empower trail stakeholders to build community investment and economic development, market trails, and build volunteer capacity, the [Laurel Highlands Trails Summit](#) will take place on Sept. 20 in Meyersdale Pa. In addition, the [Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition \(IHTC\) 2016 Fall Summit](#) is set to take place in Cranberry Township, Pa., on Nov. 4. The event is intended to encourage and enable trail groups and managers to use the IHTC vision and network to advance IHTC's implementation and visibility.

PEC added another member to its team in July, [announcing the addition of Deb Frawley](#) as a Program Manager for Trails and Recreation. Welcome Deb!

Water Resources: PEC launched waterresources.pa.org, a [web-based planning tool](#) that allows users to research a variety of watershed spatial and assessment data, overlay with basic demographic information, draw maps, produce graphics, and more.

Conservation Landscape Initiative: [PEC's efforts in reforestation continue!](#) Keep Northeastern Pennsylvania Beautiful was successful in getting a \$5,000 2016 Keep America Beautiful/UPS Community Tree and Recovery Tree Planting grant to plant trees in Dupont Borough.



PEC is proud to have been a judge this year at Energy Sprout, a competition open to all Pennsylvania residents, businesses, and communities with the goal of developing new technology and business models that lead to improved sustainable energy solutions. Congratulations to Energy Coordinating Agency Philadelphia on its first place award in the community competition!



Blog Posts

- [K&T Rail Trail Evolves from Brownfield to Multi-Purpose Trail](#)
- [Introducing PEC's Interactive Water Resource Mapping System](#)
- [Busman's Holiday](#)



Program Updates



[Summer Events Along the Schuylkill Connect Communities to the River](#)

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[Keep Northeastern Pennsylvania Beautiful Awarded Tree-Planting Grant](#)

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Policy/Press Releases

- [PEC Opposes Environmental Riders to State Budget Legislation](#)
- [Frawley Joins PEC, Provides Boost in Trail Development Work](#)



PEC opposed Senate Bill 1229, a catch-all Administrative Code bill accompanying the state budget that includes provisions that weaken proposed final regulations for unconventional oil and gas operations.



PEC in the News



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PEC was [featured in seven articles](#) last month, with topics ranging from [energy issues](#) to

[cleanup efforts](#), and more.

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