

Friends of PEC,

With 121 state parks across the Commonwealth, and twice recognized as the best system of parks in the nation over the last decade, state parks are a big part of the beauty that is Pennsylvania.

So [when House Bill 2013 was introduced last month](#), a bill that calls for [the creation of a politically-appointed board to consider proposals for private development in state parks](#), PEC took action.

Along with John Oliver (former DCNR Secretary) and Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation President Marci Mowery, [PEC submitted letters](#) to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and the General Assembly in support of state parks.



Thanks to your support, [House Bill 2013 was ultimately rejected](#)! Yet, it may still come back up for reconsideration. [Contact your legislator](#) in support of Pennsylvania State Parks!

Southwest Pennsylvania: A proud member of the [Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition](#), PEC continues to work toward the Coalition's goal of a 1,400-mile trail network, recently making

significant strides on trails in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Northeast Pennsylvania: [PEC awarded mini-grants](#) to 10 organizations that exemplify the Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape's initiatives of Conservation, Community, and Connections. Congratulations to this year's mini-grantees!

Southeast Pennsylvania: Thanks to its team of dedicated riders, planning committee, and sponsorship from Philadelphia Insurance Companies, PEC raised more than \$43,000 at the [sixth annual PEC Environment Ride](#) last month. Additionally, renowned political analyst and keynote speaker Dr. G. Terry Madonna delivered a spirited address at PEC's [46th annual Philadelphia Environmental Partnership Dinner](#) on June 15.



The 46th annual Philadelphia Environmental Partnership Dinner brought together key environmental stakeholders and decision-makers and over 300 representatives of business, industry, government, and the non-profit sector for what has become the biggest environmental event of the year in Philadelphia.



Press Releases

- [PEC Explores Abandoned Mines and Wells in June's "Environmental Focus"](#)
- [Pennsylvania Environmental Council Hosts 46th Annual Environmental Partnership Dinner](#)
- [2016 PEC Environment Ride Video: Watch Here](#)



Policy

- [PEC Comments on State Parks' Bill Vote](#)
- [Even With Amendment, House Bill 2013 Hurts State Parks](#)
- [PEC Submits Letter to General Assembly in Support of State Parks](#)

- [Video: House Bill 2013 Would Impair DCNR's Management of State Parks](#)
- [PEC Outlines Concerns with House Bill 2013](#)
- [\(Un\)Conventional Thinking](#)



PEC President Davitt Woodwell discussed how House Bill 2013 would impair DCNR's management of state parks.



PEC in the News



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During [the lead up to the vote on House Bill 2013](#) in the General Assembly, as well as in [the aftermath of the vote](#), media across all reaches of Pennsylvania turned to PEC for comment on [the ramifications of the bill](#).

[Click here](#) to read all 13 articles PEC was featured in last month.



Program Updates



[Introducing Deep Decarbonization](#)

Emerging thinking is focusing on the idea of deep decarbonization - a pathway to the end goal of eliminating carbon emissions altogether.



[Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape Announces 2016 Mini-Grantees](#)

The Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape announced its 2016 mini-grantees. Funding for the 10 awardees was provided by Pennsylvania DCNR.




[IHTC Focuses on Details for 2016, Moving Closer to Goal of 1,400-Mile Network](#)


Along with several of its IHTC partners, PEC is helping to close gaps along the Industrial Heartland Trails and move the trail network forward in 2016, including holding a Fall Summit in November.

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