



Friends of PEC,

Last month we joined you in marking the fiftieth observance of Earth Day -- a milestone that holds special meaning for PEC, as it falls in the same year as our own semicentennial celebration. The occasion feels all the more poignant under present circumstances, which preclude mass gatherings like the ones held in Pennsylvania and across the nation on April 22, 1970. We may not be able to re-enact those historic events this year, but we can recommit ourselves to the goals -- and to the vision of a better future -- that Earth Day represents.

To learn more about how PEC is carrying that vision forward in 2020, we invite you to check out our [website](#). If you haven't visited in a while, here's a taste of what you might have missed:



Policy Update

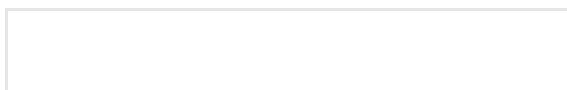
Proposals before the General Assembly last month included a funding freeze for many environmental and recreation programs, as well as a move to block agency rulemakings for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency declaration (and beyond).

PEC's Policy team is watching budget proceedings closely, and we will continue to oppose legislation that undermines the protection of our environment and public at a time when those protections are needed the most.

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PEC at 50

In celebration of PEC's 50th anniversary, we are sharing stories of Pennsylvania's environmental history and the issues that have defined PEC's work over the years. Find the complete series [here](#).





Securing Our Environmental Rights

Environmental champion and former state lawmaker **Franklin Kury** recalls working with PEC on early legislative victories including the 1971 adoption of Pennsylvania's historic Environmental Rights Amendment.

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In Living Memory

Pennsylvania Legacies #121

At 96, **Thomas Dolan** is a member of a very exclusive club: surviving founders of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. He joins the podcast to share memories of PEC's early days, including the story of the meeting where it all began.

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PEC Blog: Backyard Adventures

The outdoors is providing a much needed respite from the very necessary homebound nature of our current world. But overcrowded public spaces are making it trickier to recreate safely, leading the PEC Trails & Recreation team to wonder: how can we get our outdoors fix without leaving home?

Program director Frank Maguire offers a few tongue-in-cheek suggestions for achievable [backyard adventures](#).



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Environment Ride Rolls On



Support PEC's trail work by joining the 10th annual [Environment Ride October 2-4!](#)

This year's ride starts in Downingtown and ends in Philadelphia by way of Lancaster and Wilmington, Delaware. Ride along on a fun, friendly, and fully supported tour of southeastern PA's most scenic backroads and trails.

There's still time to [secure your spot](#) before rates increase!

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Birding Under Quarantine

In this time of social distancing, one of the best ways to stay connected with nature is by getting to know the creatures in your own backyard.

PEC's resident birder, Cindy Ferguson, explains why there's never been a better time to take up the hobby.

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Social Distancing for Anglers

Pennsylvania's trout season opened as scheduled earlier this week, but anglers must abide by the same social distancing rules that apply in any public place.

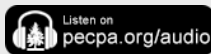
PA Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Tim Schaefer discusses the agency's response to COVID-19.

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The Pennsylvania Legacies podcast features conversations with community leaders, experts, thinkers, and citizens on the most important environmental and conservation issues facing Pennsylvania.

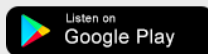
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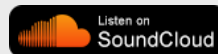
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Meadville Tribune

County supports further development of Erie to Pittsburgh Trail

Crawford County commissioners have given their support to further development of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail in eastern Crawford County at no cost to the county.

At their video conferenced meeting Wednesday, commissioners unanimously approved a \$1.5 million grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The submission is on behalf of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council...

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