



Friends of PEC,

It has been a busy August here at PEC, and we are excited to share some updates with you. Read on for a recap of information and content shared on our website in the last month.

## **2020 Public Lands Ride: September 1-30**

PEC's **Public Lands Ride** seeks to showcase state parks and forests across the greater central region of the state. Following a successful inaugural ride last year, the ride returns in "virtual" form for 2020.

Throughout the month of September, cyclists are encouraged to ride as many of the suggested routes as possible and share their experiences on social media for a chance to win swag from some of our partners. Find more details about this virtual event [here](#).



### **Featured Route:** **R.B. Winter State Park/Bald Eagle** **State Forest**

At a touch under 54 miles with almost 6,000 feet of climbing, this route through Bald Eagle State Forest highlights the terrain of PA's ridge and valley landscape (read: lots of uphill! And downhill!). The ride explores the area of the forest north of Raymond B. Winter State Park, home to some

great camping and one of the coldest spring-fed lakes you'll come across, making for a refreshing post-ride dip. Bring your climbing legs along and get ready for a tough but rewarding day in the saddle, full of vistas, forested creekside gravel roads, and a very remote feel for most of the day. The roads in this region are a mix of fairly smooth gravel and clay, with minimal chunk.

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## Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage in Pennsylvania: A Story Map

In the last few years PEC has convened stakeholders and initiated conversations surrounding CCUS in Pennsylvania. This summer, PEC worked with the [Center for Climate and Energy Solutions \(C2ES\)](#) to organize a [panel](#) discussion on carbon capture.

Most recently, we created an interactive story map to help Pennsylvanians better understand the background, advantages, and potential challenges associated with CCUS. We invite you to explore and educate yourself on the issue.



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## PEC at 50: The Early Vision



Over the years PEC has worked with countless leaders, experts, and citizens to advance environmental goals across the state. In celebration of PEC's [fiftieth anniversary](#), we asked a few of them to share their reflections on our shared work, how far Pennsylvania has come, and where we go from here. In this blog, Eleanor Winsor, one of PEC's co-founders, writes about PEC's beginnings.

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## Pennsylvania Legacies





## Six Routes, One Great Ride

The 2020 PEC Public Lands Ride showcases some of the best trail-riding in the state, and this year's ride features an expanded lineup of routes in state parks and forests. Organizers Helena Kotala and Frank Maguire explain how they overhauled the original concept to create a safe and enjoyable experience for cyclists of all kinds.

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## Why We Need Wildlife Corridors

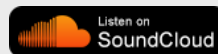
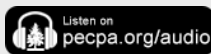
Like humans, animals need space and the ability to move safely across it. But habitat fragmentation caused by development is disrupting wildlife migration, leading to more frequent and sometimes dangerous encounters with people — and the effects will only intensify with climate change. We discuss with supporters of a resolution, currently before the General Assembly, that calls for action to protect and support wildlife corridors in Pennsylvania.

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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.*

*New episodes are posted every other Friday at [pecpa.org/audio](https://pecpa.org/audio) and are available on most podcast platforms.*



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## PEC In the News

[State Impact Pennsylvania](#)

**PA Produces A Lot Of Greenhouse Gases, But Its Republican-Led Legislature Isn't Acting**



David Hess, secretary of environmental protection under Republican governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker, keeps tabs on environmental news coming out of Harrisburg in a daily [blog](#). He said the legislature has done “bits and pieces” on

[Broadway World](#)

**TrailOff Mobile App Premieres September 2020 During FringeArts Festival**



TrailOff is a new mobile app premiering in September of 2020 during the fall's FringeArts Festival that brings its users a cutting edge artistic experience that is equal parts immersive theater, GPS-triggered technological “magic” and

climate change in the past decade, but nothing comprehensive...

Hess' former boss [Republican governor Tom Ridge] publicly shamed his party as out-of-touch on the issue of climate change in an op-ed published in [The Atlantic](#) on Earth Day this year...

In a May [interview](#) with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Ridge expanded on the critique, saying climate change will have drastic implications for the economy and national defense.

connection to nature.

This mixed reality performance features 10 original audio dramas, totally free to download through the upcoming app, that unfold on trails across the Circuit Trails network. Created by Swim Pony in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) and app developer Toasterlab, stories feature local authors who bring new and diverse perspectives to trails in the Philadelphia region.

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