

Friends of PEC,

The months ahead will be especially busy as we kick off a series of [regional watershed workshops](#) and move toward the launch of several exciting new projects in the trails and recreation space (stay tuned!). We'll also see increased activity around the effort to cut Pennsylvania's greenhouse gas emissions, as the rulemaking process for [new methane standards](#) advances in Harrisburg.

Read on for a recap of news, commentary, and multimedia content recently featured on the [PEC website](#):

PEC at 50: "We Had to Do Something"

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.



To many of a certain age, it may be difficult to imagine a time when the world seemed indifferent to the ravages of litter, air and water pollution, chemical waste, overpopulation, and other legacy impacts of the modern industrial age.

But there was...

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Diversifying Trail Use for Diverse Communities

As part of our mission to serve all Pennsylvanians, PEC is working to build more inclusive trail systems. Often that means

creating awareness of the many different ways that trails can be utilized.

In the PEC Blog, trails program manager Lizzie Hessek reflects on the importance of an "eclectic attitude toward trail use":

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Lackawanna is PA's 2020 River of the Year



PRESS RELEASE

Pennsylvanians voted in record numbers for the 2020 Pennsylvania River of the Year designation. With all 21,369 online votes tallied, the winner is the Lackawanna River, nominated by the [Lackawanna River Conservation Association](#).

The [River of the Year program](#) is sponsored by DCNR and administered by PEC's affiliate organization, the [Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers](#).

Save the Date

Dates have been finalized for this year's lineup of regional watershed workshops presented by PEC and the [Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers \(POWR\)](#):

- [March 25, Newtown Square](#)
- [March 27, Mechanicsburg](#)
- April 9, Scranton
- April 30, Williamsport
- May 12, Ligonier



Watch the [website](#) for updates as registration links are added to the list.

DETAILS

Work With Us!



Are you an early-career professional with a background in marketing, PR, journalism, media, or design? Come join the PEC communications team!

We're hiring an entry-level [Communications Coordinator](#) to assist in the production and dissemination of web, social media, multimedia, and other content in support of PEC's statewide program and policy work.

LEARN MORE

Apply by email to coordinator@pecpa.org no later than February 29, 2020.

WaterNow Summit Coming to Philadelphia

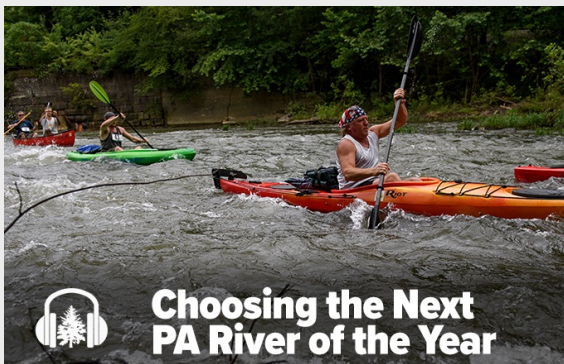
You're invited to join WaterNow Alliance at the [5th Annual Tap Into Resilience Summit](#), a pioneering two-day summit for local water decision makers and water industry professionals.

PEC is proud to partner with the WaterNow Alliance to bring this important summit to Philadelphia on **April 15-16**.



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Pennsylvania Legacies



The five finalists for 2020 River of the Year represent everything that's right – and wrong – with Pennsylvania's 86,000 miles of rivers and streams.

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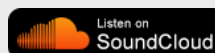
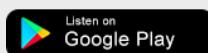
Author, planner, and landscape architect Chuck Flink talks about his new book making the case for greenways as the key to vibrant and sustainable communities.

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

New episodes are posted every other Friday at pecpa.org/audio and are available on most podcast platforms.



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PEC In the News

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review



Nominations open for Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards

In 2019, Murrysville officials retrofitted a half-dozen storm water detention ponds, with plans to do the same for about a dozen more.

That's precisely the type of project that should be nominated for a Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards, given annually by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. The nomination period opened on Jan. 2...

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More coverage:

- [Manko Gold selects first female managing partner](#) *Philadelphia Business Journal* 1/3/20
- [Nominations sought for environmental awards](#) *Altoona Mirror* 1/14/20



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