



Friends of PEC,

The world looks very different, in certain respects, than it did when we sent our last newsletter just a few weeks ago. But some things never change: spring follows winter, birds migrate north, and PEC's work continues. We hope this message finds you well, and that you're able to continue enjoying the outdoors safely in accordance with official guidance and recommendations from public health authorities.

Here's a roundup of some recent news and information you might have missed on our website:

## Events Postponed

Like most public events, PEC's schedule of regional awards dinners has been disrupted by COVID-19. We're glad to report that all of our gatherings traditionally held in spring and early summer have been rescheduled for the fall. The revised lineup is as follows:

- **October 22:** Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards (Wilkes-Barre)
- **November 10:** [Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence](#) (Harrisburg)
- **November 12:** [Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards](#) (Pittsburgh)
- **November 17:** [50th Annual Environmental Partnership Dinner](#) (Philadelphia)

All other events previously scheduled in April, including watershed education workshops and tree plantings, have been cancelled or postponed. Visit the [Events](#) page for more information as plans continue to evolve.

## PEC at 50: A New Millennium

*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](#).*



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The turn of a new century brought with it growing concern within the scientific community over the manmade impacts of carbon emissions on climate. In 2000, Pennsylvania produced one percent of the



world's total greenhouse gas emissions, ranking it fourth in the U.S. and among the top 25 carbon-emitting nations in the world. What's more, Pennsylvania's carbon emissions were projected to grow by roughly ten percent per decade. So it was no surprise that the Keystone State was readily seen as a place where carbon reductions could make a meaningful impact.

PEC's 2007 report, "Pennsylvania Climate Change Roadmap," was one of the very first policy documents addressing this issue specifically as it relates to Pennsylvania...

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## 500 by 2025

Philadelphia's [Circuit Trails](#) initiative is well on its way to completing [500 trail miles by 2025](#). What comes next?

Sarah Clark Stuart, Executive Director of the [Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia](#), looks at opportunities and challenges for the Circuit in a guest post for the [PEC Blog](#).



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## Ride for PEC!



The [PEC Environment Ride](#) returns **October 2-4** for its **10th annual** outing along the streets, roads, and trails of southeastern Pennsylvania.

[Rider registration is now open](#) -- sign up by June 30 to lock in the early-bird rate!

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## Speakers Wanted

The Planning Committee for the 2020 Eastern PA Greenways and Trails Summit is seeking proposals for educational sessions to be presented at the 2020 Summit. The Summit will be held [September 27th -29th](#) at the Hotel Anthracite in historic Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Speakers are invited to [submit proposals](#) for one-hour presentations on subjects including trails & technology, bike share programs, marketing & promotion, health & wellness, and active transportation.



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## The New Economics of Climate

As investors grow wary of fossil fuels and big companies prioritize sustainability, where will Pennsylvania fit in the post-carbon economy?

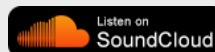
Analysis from Steven Clarke and Alli Gold-Roberts of Ceres, a nonprofit that advocates for clean energy in the business community.

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## PEC In the News



*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

### Cleveland-to-Pittsburgh would be a big link in cross-country rail trail

health of local economies and communities.

Connecting Pittsburgh to Cleveland by trail could be very good for both metro areas and people who live in them as well as elsewhere around the region and beyond. And not just for their legs and lungs and moods, but also for the

That's the main point of a new study released this week by people working to complete that connection and others on both a regional and a national network of trails...

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**More coverage:**

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