

In Case You Missed It

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Policy Update

PEC Supports Clean Energy Standard Legislation

Recently, legislation (**Senate Bill 979**) was introduced by Senator Sharif Street that would reform our state's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards to advance low and net-zero carbon electricity generation.

This includes expanding requirements for generation from renewable sources, providing a mechanism to sustain nuclear generation where justified, and establishing a pathway for emerging technologies like advanced nuclear and carbon capture. PEC has **advocated** for Clean Energy Standard legislation for several years, and we applaud Senator Street for developing this bill.

PEC has developed a **Fact Sheet** to help explain the Clean Energy Standard concept, and why it is a critical piece of the larger climate change puzzle.



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PEC Blog

CZM Funding to Support Chester City Trail Connection

The anticipated Chester City connection to the East Coast Greenway is one step closer to reality, thanks to a \$60,000 grant announced recently by the PA

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The project is part of a \$574,974 funding package DEP will distribute to support protection and restoration efforts within the Delaware Estuary Coastal Zone.

Learn more [here](#).



Promoting Wellness and Love for the Outdoors



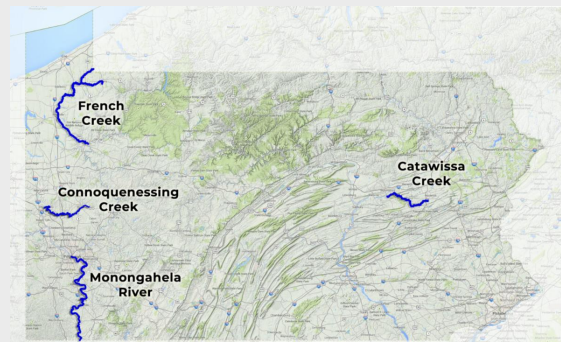
NEPA's Get Your Tail on the Trail program helps promote wellness and connect people with regional trails. To learn more about the program or to #GetYourTailontheTrail, visit TailontheTrail.org and like the **D&L Chapter** and/or the **NEPA Chapter** on Facebook.

Learn more [here](#).

Voting has begun for 2022 Pennsylvania River of the Year

The nominees are: Catawissa Creek, Connoquenessing Creek, French Creek, and the Monongahela River. The public can vote for a favorite state waterway through 5:00 P.M. Friday, January 14, 2022 on the [POWR website](#) and learn more about nominated waterways and the River of the Year program.

Learn more [here](#).



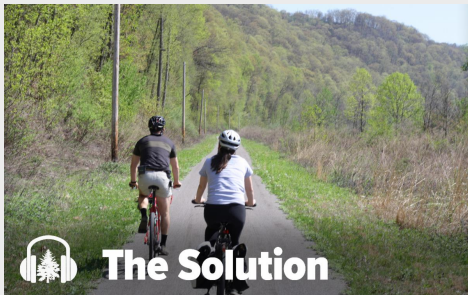
See You Next Year



With trail season winding down, the Great Allegheny Passage now has to prepare for the coming spring and the start to another busy year. PEC joined the GAP Conservancy for the winter closing of the Big Savage Tunnel in Somerset County, an annual tradition to protect the tunnel from the cold and wind.

Learn more about the GAP Trail and its economic impact on southwestern Pennsylvania [here](#).

Pennsylvania Legacies



The Solution

Interest in the outdoors skyrocketed during the COVID-19 pandemic, opening the doors for big investments in recreation, conservation, and climate. Most recently, billions in new funding for outdoor recreation and alternative transportation are now available with last year's passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. We discuss with Charles Cooper, Managing Director with Signal Advocacy and a Co-Chair of Signal Outdoors.

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Rock Talk

Geologic events occurring hundreds of millions of years ago made the Keystone State what it is today. These events also created the distinctive regional topographies by which DCNR's Conservation Landscapes program is organized.

We explore the links between outdoor recreation, climate change, and Pennsylvania's geological history with DCNR's Kristen Hand.

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