



## In Case You Missed It *January 2022*

### Policy Update

#### Veto Stops Anti-RGGI Bill

A concurrent resolution passed in December by the General Assembly marked the latest attempt to block Pennsylvania's anticipated entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a regional carbon market that will be critical to meeting the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. That attempt failed when Governor Tom Wolf vetoed the anti-RGGI measure.



PEC and Environmental Defense Fund are among the many organizations that commended the governor's action, which puts Pennsylvania back on track to enter RGGI later this year.

"This is an important market-based step that will prepare and position Pennsylvania for a successful energy future," PEC's John Walliser said. "We urge the General Assembly to shift their time and attention toward advancing constructive policies that cut pollution, diversify our energy supply, benefit consumers, and provide new investment and employment opportunities in clean energy business and deployment."

[Learn More](#)

### PEC Blog

**PA Groups Comment on MD Air National Guard Proposed  
Low-level Flyover Training**

Last month, PEC submitted comments to the Maryland Air National Guard about its proposal to expand the Duke Military Operations Area in Pennsylvania and New York and begin low-level flyover training in Cameron, Clinton, Elk, McKean, Potter, and Tioga counties. As proposed, units would be allowed to fly as low as 100 feet

Read more [here](#).



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## French Creek is 2022's River of the Year



French Creek in northwestern Pennsylvania has been named 2022's River of the Year after public voting closed January 14th. Winning nearly half of all votes cast, French Creek will be the site of a commemorative River of the Year sojourn and other celebratory activities in the coming year. **French Creek Valley Conservancy**, the nominating organization, will be awarded a \$10,000 leadership grant to help fund the events.

Read more [here](#).

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## Pruning With an Expert

In early November, members of the Trail Committee of the Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape, gathered at Keystone State Park to learn best pruning practices with Celine Colbert, service forester with the state Bureau of Forestry. Even the most experienced participants raved about how much they learned in this two-hour workshop.

Read more [here](#).



## Remembering Thomas Dolan IV, 1923-2021



Thomas Dolan IV — scientist, conservationist, and avid outdoorsman — **died** on December 28, 2021 at the age of 98. He leaves a legacy of watershed advocacy and scholarly accomplishments including the identification of a new species of mayfly named after him.

In addition to his leadership of organizations such as the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (now **Wissahickon Trails**), Mr. Dolan was an important figure in the founding of the

Read about Mr. Dolan's life and legacy [here](#).

Pennsylvania Environmental Council **more than fifty years ago.**

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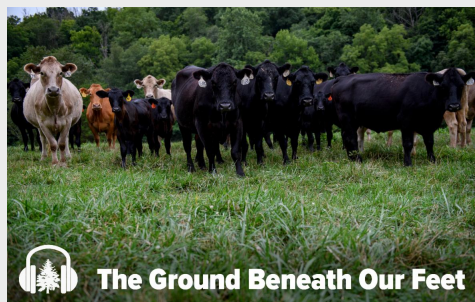


### Safe Streets, Equitable Cities

The newest member of PEC's Trails team is a veteran of the movement for safe and equitable access to active transportation in big cities.

Program manager Emilia Crotty talks about her experience as director of LA Walks, Los Angeles's premier pedestrian advocacy organization, and how it informs the equity work she's now doing for PEC on behalf of the Circuit Trails Coalition.

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### The Ground Beneath Our Feet

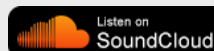
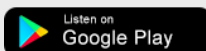
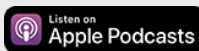
Farmland across the U.S. has been degraded by generations of unsustainable practices and industrial agriculture is currently one of the biggest emitters of greenhouse gasses. Can regenerative and holistic farming methods set things right? A conversation with Hannah Smith-Brubaker of PASA Sustainable Agriculture, ahead of PASA's upcoming 2022 Sustainable Agriculture Conference in Lancaster.

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