



In Case You Missed It  
March 2022



## Policy Update



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### It's Not Getting Better

Pennsylvania's power generation sector is one of the nation's largest — and thus, also, one of the biggest emitters of climate-changing greenhouse gases. Opponents of proven market-based solutions would have Pennsylvanians believe the problem will fix itself, but it's not getting better. In fact, it's getting worse.

## PEC Webinars

# UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY

## *Lunch & Learn Webinar Series*

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#### April 19:

*The Power of the Outdoor Industry - PA and National Perspectives*

**The Honorable Cindy Adams Dunn**, Secretary, DCNR

**Marc Berejka**, President of REI Cooperative Action Fund, President of REI Foundation

#### April 26:

*Outdoor Recreation as a Regional Economic Driver*

**Gary Vernon**, Senior Program Officer, Walton Personal Philanthropy Group

**Mary Kolessar**, Executive Director, Discover NEPA

#### May 3:

*Activating Recreation - The Whys and Hows of a Funding Resurgence*

**Charles Cooper**, Managing Director, Chair of Advocacy and Co-Chair of Signal Outdoors, Signal Group

**Curan Bonham**, Program Officer, Richard King Mellon Foundation



Register

## PEC Blog

### Pool Party

This spring, keep an eye out for vernal pools. These ephemeral wetlands play an important ecological role, supporting many species of animals and insects that rely on them for habitat and reproduction.

Read more [here](#).



### Building Bird-Safe Cities

Birds are critical to the health of our ecosystems, so it is important to protect them. Luckily, there are a variety of solutions to help reduce building collisions, and groups in Pennsylvania are conducting research and advocating for changes that will reduce collisions.





Read more [here](#).

## Partners Learn, Share, and Reconnect at 2022 Watershed Workshops

This season POWR is hosting 6 regional **watershed workshops**. These in-person gatherings of watershed group leaders, volunteers, supporters and partners are held at unique and fun venues and provide opportunities to share resource information, learn techniques to help build capacity, and network. If we haven't been to your region yet, join us at one the remaining workshops.

Read more [here](#).



## Pennsylvania Legacies



In Pennsylvania, fun is serious business. Amid growing recognition of outdoor recreation as a vital sector of the state's economy — not to mention an indispensable public good — the state agency tasked with managing Pennsylvania's natural resources is making a bold investment in the outdoor industry, while reaffirming its commitment to ensuring equitable access for all Pennsylvanians. On this episode, we're getting to know Pennsylvania's first-ever statewide recreation czar, Nathan Reigner, and his vision for the



Last summer, the Fairmount Water Works in Philadelphia was all set to launch its first, much-anticipated, multimedia arts exhibition, which explored how water has shaped the city's history, with a special focus on its role in the lives of Black Philadelphians. Just ahead of the scheduled opening, Hurricane Ida hit, forcing the event's cancellation. POOL re-opened on March 22 — World Water Day — with a new emphasis on environmental justice and resiliency in the face of climate change. We got a preview of the

newly-established Office of Outdoor Recreation within DCNR.

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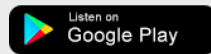
exhibit with Dionne Watts Williams, Communications Manager for Fairmount Waterworks.

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## Press Releases

- **2022 Pocono Forests and Waters Conservation Landscape Mini Grants Now Available**
- **DCNR Sec. Dunn Recognized for Lifetime Achievement**

## Upcoming Events

PEC has many upcoming events this spring, both online and in-person. Please join us! Register for individual events at the links below.

- Multiple dates: **Regional Watershed Workshops**
  - April 14 - **Northeastern Region**
  - May 19 - **Northwestern Region**
  - May 20 - **Southwestern Region**
- Multiple dates: **Understanding the Importance of Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Industry webinar series**
  - April 19 - **The Power of the Outdoor Industry – PA and National Perspectives**
  - April 26 - **Outdoor Recreation as a Regional Economic Driver**
  - May 3 - **Activating Recreation – The Whys and Hows of a Funding Resurgence**
- April 26: **Harrisburg Dinner**
- April 28: **Wild and Scenic Film Festival**
- May 18: **Western PA Dinner**



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