

In Case You Missed It October 2021



Photos from the 2021 Environment Ride

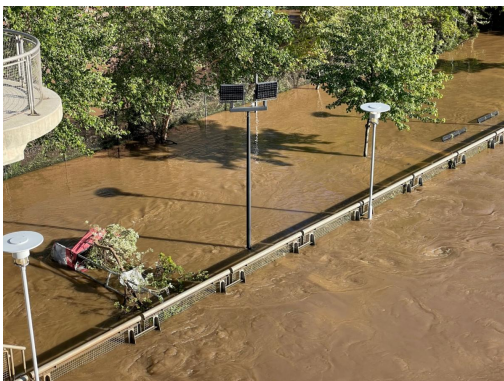
PEC hosted the 11th annual Environment Ride the second weekend in October. The ride helps raise funds for for PEC's conservation work, and attracts a small group of dedicated riders each year.

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PEC Blog

Now is the Time to Protect PA Against Climate Threats



A **new report** from First Street Foundation found that 25% of critical infrastructure nationwide is at risk of flooding today. In Pennsylvania, 32.8% of infrastructure facilities are at operational flood risk, where in a flood event they are at risk of being flooded to a point where they could no longer be safe or used as intended.

Learn more [here](#).

Outdoor Industry Urges Climate Action

After a summer of severe weather events and other climate warnings, many groups and businesses are recognizing the urgency of climate action and are asking the government to take meaningful action to address climate change. Businesses in the outdoor industry have been especially vocal.

Read about the Outdoor Industry Association's letter to House and Senate leaders [here](#).



Critical Connection for Circuit Trails Nearing Completion



70 miles of seamlessly connected Circuit Trails is huge! A critical connection for the Circuit Trails is now under construction in Montgomery County that will connect the Chester Valley Trail (CVT) and the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) in Norristown.

Read more [here](#).

Open Grants & Awards

POWR Ohio Basin Access for Canoes and Kayaks Mini Grant Program

The Ohio Basin Access for Canoes and Kayaks Mini Grant Program (OBACK) will provide grants of up to \$20,000 for design and engineering, construction, or rehabilitation of non-motorized public access projects within the Ohio River Basin.

Applications open November 1, 2021- December 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm

2022 Pennsylvania River of the Year Nominations

Pennsylvania's River of the Year is an honor designed to elevate public awareness of specific rivers and waterways and recognize important conservation needs and achievements. All navigable Pennsylvania waterways are eligible for nomination, except for the River of the Year winners from the past five years.

Applications open October 19, 2021 - November 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm

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Mastering Watersheds

Penn State Extension's Master Gardener program is familiar to many, but did you know you can also train to become a Master Watershed Steward? We talk with program coordinator Erin Frederick.

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Policy Check-In

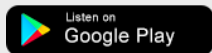
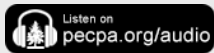
PEC's Senior VP for Legal & Government Affairs, John Walliser, joins us for an update on the climate and energy, outdoor recreation, and conservation legislation to watch in the coming months.

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