



Celebrating Pennsylvania's Outdoor Economy



On Wednesday, May 18th, PEC hosted the annual Western Pennsylvania Dinner at the Westin Pittsburgh with the theme “Celebrating the Outdoor Recreation Economy.” The dinner was also a celebration of **DCNR secretary Cindy Dunn, the evening's lifetime achievement awardee.**

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Policy Update

RGGI Fight Moves to the Courts

On April 23rd the Department of Environmental Protection's rulemaking to limit carbon dioxide emissions from the electric power sector was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin as final. The rulemaking, more formally known as the CO2 Budget Trading Program, would link Pennsylvania to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (better known as "RGGI") market platform to help achieve the reduction of those emissions. However, legal efforts related to the rule were already in play in the courts before the rule was even finalized. Learn about both issues at the link below.



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PEC Blog

Get Out On a River this June



The coming month is packed with opportunities to experience Pennsylvania's beautiful waterways. Each weekend has at least one river sojourn scheduled, hosted by watershed organizations around the state. Sojourns offer so much more than a paddling trip — these guided adventures foster community, promote education and stewardship, and include plenty of time for relaxing and socializing.

Read more [here](#).

PEC to Take On Bikeout's Operations

On April 19, the cofounders of **Bikeout**, Amanda Crawford-Staub and Brian Kirk, made **a special announcement**: after a two-year hiatus, the Philadelphia-based bicycle adventure company would transfer its operations to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

Bikeout's trips explore highlights of eastern PA trails, like the D&L Trail. Since 2016, Bikeout has introduced people to bicycle travel through events and guides, hosting more than 1,000 people on long-distance overnight trips in the Philly region.



Read more [here](#).

Spring into Action with the Great American Cleanup



Each year, **Keep America Beautiful(KAB)**'s Great American Cleanup runs from the start of spring through late June, encouraging groups to plan large-scale cleanups within their communities. Here in Pennsylvania, the Pickup PA program through Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) complements the Great American Cleanup and concentrates efforts on a localized scale.

Read more [here](#).

PEC Rides Return this Fall – Register Now!

Registration is now open for two PEC rides happening this September. The Environment Ride and the Public Lands Ride present very different riding experiences, but both are sure to be fun — and a little challenging!

- **Environment Ride: September 9 - 11**
- **Public Lands Ride: September 17**



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Memorial Day weekend marked the unofficial start of boating season in Pennsylvania, as well as National Safe Boating Week. Laurel Anders of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission joins us to explain how motorized and non-motorized boaters can stay safe on the water this summer. We also discuss newly available funding opportunities for water trail access projects in the Commonwealth.



Financing the Future

Outcome-based financing is an innovative way to leverage markets to fund socially impactful projects that can be difficult to finance using conventional models. Amie Fleming of Quantified Ventures, a D.C.-based capital firm specializing in the application of outcome-based financing to environmental, public health, and community-development initiatives, joins us to explain how it works.

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