



News

2022 PA Water Trails Mini-Grant Awardees Announced

PEC is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2022 Pennsylvania Water Trail Mini-Grants. Six organizations from across the Commonwealth were awarded funding to support projects that promote sustainability, accessibility and inclusion, education, stewardship, and other program goals.

Learn all about the projects [here](#).



Celebrating Summer with TrailOff

Trails intern Alexsys Frierson has been busy this summer sharing the TrailOff app and getting people in the Philadelphia region involved with the Circuit Trails Coalition.

Read Alexsys's reflection on the work so far [here](#).



Springtime Volunteers Keep NEPA Summer Beautiful

While increasing seasonal visitation to urban and rural outdoor areas has many positive outcomes, it also comes with an increase in litter and disturbance to the natural ecosystem. Fortunately, [Keep Northeastern Pennsylvania](#)

Beautiful was here to meet the summer rush.

Read more [here](#).



Video



Get Submerged in 2022 River of the Year French Creek

The French Creek Valley Conservancy celebrated its 40th anniversary by hosting the 2022 Pennsylvania River of the Year Sojourn on June 11. Paddle along with PEC in Meadville, where local paddlers turned out to celebrate French Creek with DCNR, POWR, and other partners.

Watch



Training Turns Park Staff Into Regional Ambassadors

In the Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape, DCNR and National Park Service frontline staff are learning about what the region has to offer beyond the boundaries of the parks and forests where they work. The result: a more closely networked Landscape, and a better experience for visitors.

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PEC Blog



Gravel Riding: The Best of Both Worlds

Gravel riding is a form of cycling that mainly utilizes gravel and dirt roads, but also incorporates paved road connections, rail trails, singletrack and doubletrack to form routes. Gravel riding is currently one of the fastest growing forms of cycling, and for good reason.

Read

Helena Kotala, mapping coordinator and organizer of the PEC **Public Lands Ride**, explains **what all the excitement is about**.

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A Terrible Tradeoff

Low-producing “marginal” wells contribute less than a tenth of the oil and gas produced in the U.S. So why are they responsible for half of the industry’s methane emissions?

A new study from Environmental Defense Fund provides the first nationwide analysis of low-producing wells and their staggeringly disproportionate climate impact.

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Beyond Climate Despair

It’s easy to get demoralized in the face of climate change, especially when it feels like there’s nothing we, as individuals, can do about it. An initiative from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History (CMNH) in Pittsburgh is trying to change the dynamic by reframing the crisis in terms of local impacts and helping western Pennsylvanians meet it on their own terms. PEC’s Lily Jones spoke with Dr. Bonnie McGill of CMNH’s Climate and Rural Systems Partnership.

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