

In Case You Missed It

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Policy

Pennsylvania Legislators Stall Emissions Regulation

Republican lawmakers in Pennsylvania are attempting to block the passage of regulations on hazardous emissions from oil and gas operations, a delay that could harm public health and increase pollution, say environmentalists — and could also jeopardize millions of dollars in federal highway funding.

This news story, **originally published** in Capital & Main on August 12, quotes from a **letter** sent by PEC and the Environmental Defense Fund to Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Environmental Resources & Energy Committee on July 28.



Read more [here](#).

PEC Comments on Hydrogen Hub Prospective

PEC submitted comments to the Pennsylvania House Democratic Policy Committee and the Pennsylvania House Republican Policy Committee on the topic of hydrogen hub buildout in Pennsylvania.

Read the comments [here](#).



Spring Garden Street Greenway Funding Secured



A \$1 million DCNR grant will provide the final piece of the funding puzzle for a long-awaited trail connection between the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers.

PEC celebrated the news with Circuit Trails partners and neighborhood leaders in Philadelphia.

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Building Constituency

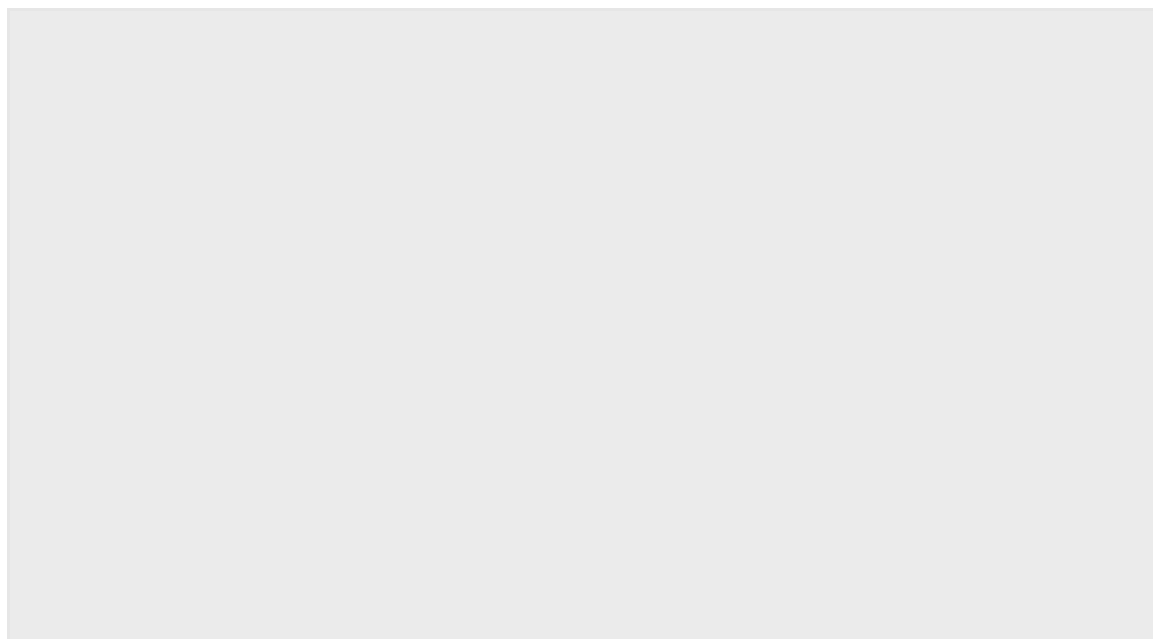


During the past year, The staff at the William Penn Foundation worked hand-in-hand with PEC's partners in the Circuit Trails Coalition to craft aligned proposals from twelve independent non-profit organizations that want to fulfill their missions on the region's trails. Totalling \$5.9 Million, these grants will contribute mightily to building a constituency for water quality and environmental restoration by bringing diverse users closer

to nature.

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

A Silver Lining Story





Susquehanna Valley Watershed Festival 2022

The Catawissa Creek's bid for 2022 Pennsylvania River of the Year was unsuccessful, but that didn't stop its advocates from celebrating. PEC and POWR were there for the first annual Susquehanna Valley Watershed Festival held July 30.

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PEC Blog

Make Your Town an Outdoor Town

If you've ever explored the streets of historic **Jim Thorpe**, participated in the well-attended **Tomato Festival in Pittston**, or dined in **Milford** after a trek through the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**, you've experienced the charm of an outdoor town. You may soon be able to experience more of them, as more Pennsylvania communities embrace the "Outdoor Towns" model.



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Remarkable Trees of Pennsylvania

Big trees are important not only because they play essential ecological roles, but because they appeal to our emotions and provide an example of what can be accomplished if natural places are protected. Learn about efforts to document and celebrate remarkable trees across Pennsylvania on our blog.

Pennsylvania Legacies



Funded!

The state budget passed in July represents Pennsylvania's biggest investment in conservation in more than 15 years, including funding for three new state parks.

DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn returns to the podcast for a closer look at what's in the 2022-23 budget for the environment and outdoor recreation.

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25 Million Stewards

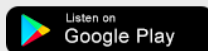
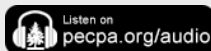
For more than 70 years, the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) has worked with Pennsylvania and seven other states to improve water quality in the Ohio River Basin. In addition to its extensive monitoring and data collection efforts, ORSANCO offers programs to help people connect with their local waterways and become better stewards. Lily Jones talks with outreach specialist Nick Callahan about ORSANCO's annual River Sweep cleanup and floating environmental education classroom.

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