



In Case You Missed It  
December 2022



## News



### Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Economy Continues to Grow

A [report](#) released in November 2022 by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that outdoor recreation continues to be a money-maker for Pennsylvania. According to the report, outdoor rec added nearly \$14 billion to Pennsylvania's economy in 2021, a 22% increase from 2020.

Learn more [here](#).

### CDRW Hosts Green Stormwater Infrastructure Tour

To close out the 2022 Delaware River Watershed Forum on November 4th, PEC, along with watershed partners, the **Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership** (TTF) and **Wissahickon Trails**, organized and executed a bus/walking tour to show participants different green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) features located upstream of Philadelphia.

Learn more [here](#).



# NEPA Leadership Awards

Each year, the Northeast Environmental Partners give out two leadership awards — one to a longtime leader and one to an emerging leader — recognizing the importance of engaging a range of advocates in the work to protect Pennsylvania’s environment. These extraordinary Pennsylvanians were honored at the Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards dinner on November 3, 2022.

Watch more videos highlighting 2022 Northeast Environmental Partnership awardees [here](#).



## Thomas P. Shelburne Award

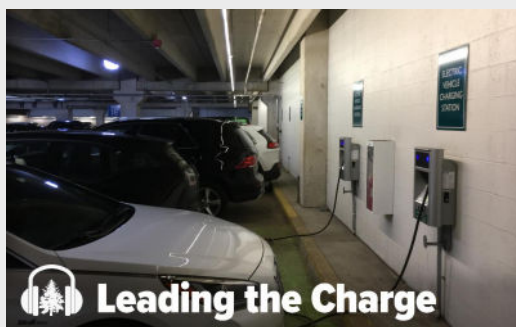
The Shelburne award for lifetime achievement was presented to Michael Bedrin of Luzerne County, for more than 35 years of service and commitment to Pennsylvania’s environment.



## Emerging Leader Award

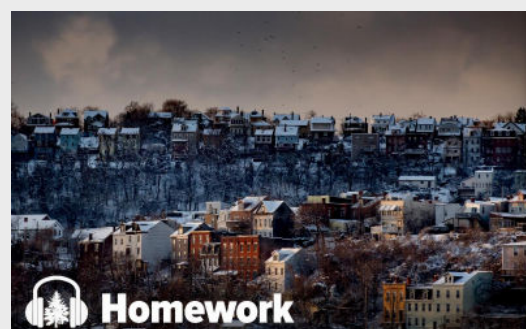
Mitchell Kirby of Lackawanna County co-founded the Sustainable Life Society at Scranton Preparatory School and recruited members to participate in conservation projects.

# Pennsylvania Legacies



## Leading the Charge

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission voted unanimously in November 2022 to study how electric utilities will meet the demand when Pennsylvania drivers transition to electric vehicles. Commissioners were responding to a petition brought by ChargeEVC, a coalition focused on advancing transportation electrification throughout Pennsylvania. We discuss the issue with Pam Frank of Gabel Associates, who represents



## Homework

Pennsylvania counties can apply for more than \$120 million in new funding from the state’s Whole Home Repairs Program. In addition to fixing up older properties, grants to income-eligible homeowners may unlock other opportunities for funding energy-efficiency upgrades, cutting into a major source of carbon emissions in the Commonwealth. Jeaneen Zappa of the Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance and Elizabeth Marx of the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project



ChargeEVC.

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explain why the program impacts more than just housing.

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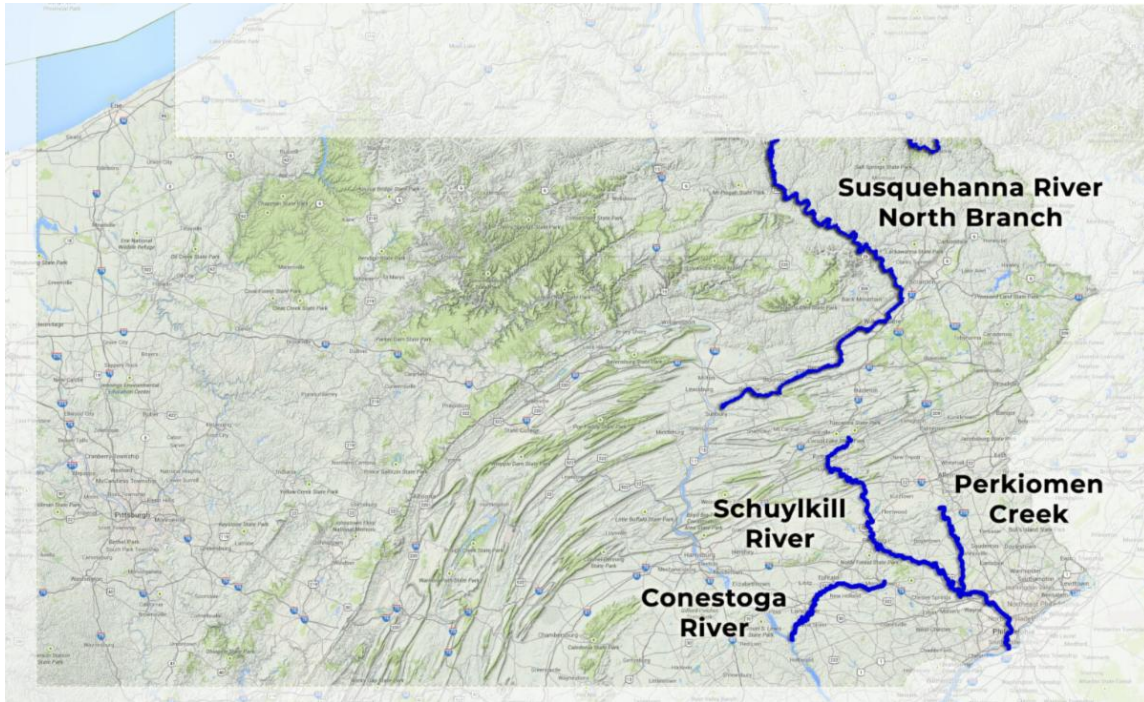
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## 2023 River of the Year Voting Closes Jan. 18!

The Conestoga River, Perkiomen Creek, Schuylkill River, and Susquehanna River-North Branch are the nominees for the 2023 River of the Year. Voting is open until January 18, 2023. Learn more about the nominees [here](#).



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