



In Case You Missed It  
November 2022



## Policy

### EDF and PEC Support Necessary Advancement of Air Quality Rulemaking

On November 21st, Governor Wolf announced that his administration would pursue an emergency rulemaking to finalize long-overdue VOC and methane rules for the conventional oil and gas industry. This step became necessary when the Chair of the House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee, without public notice or a hearing, utilized a procedural maneuver to block the rule from becoming final before the end of the year – setting off a consequential chain reaction that would adversely impact Pennsylvania’s environment and economy.



[Learn More](#)

### More Policy News:

- [EPA Releases Draft Supplemental Methane Rulemaking](#)
- [PEC Submits Comments on CCS Injection Well Legislation](#)

## PEC Events

### Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards

This year, The Northeast Environmental



Partners recognized five projects at the 2022 Northeast Environmental Partnership Awards dinner for going above and beyond in forging new connections between their communities and local environmental assets.

Learn about the awardees [here](#).

## 52nd Environmental Partnership Awards

On November 17th, PEC hosted the 52nd Environmental Partnership Awards Dinner at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia. The evening was a celebration of environmental leadership and collaboration, and the awards recognized a wide range of projects and people doing innovative environmental work in the Philadelphia region.

Learn more about the awardees [here](#).



## Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape Annual Gathering

On Nov. 2, PEC hosted the first in-person Laurel Highlands Conservation Landscape Annual Gathering since 2019. The gathering was an opportunity for attendees to reconnect and reflect on the future of the Laurel Highlands.

Read more about the gathering [here](#).



## Outdoor Recreation

### PEC Publishes Recommendations for Supporting Gravel Riding

After convening gravel riding stakeholders for a summit last April, PEC recently published our recommendations to enhance gravel resources and support the sustainable growth of the sport in Pennsylvania.

[Learn More](#)

# GRAVEL

*Recommendations for  
Supporting the Growth of  
Gravel Riding in Pennsylvania*



## PEC Welcomes New Program Staff

The PEC team is growing! In October, we welcomed two new staff members: Alexandra Long as Program Coordinator for Trails and Recreation in our Pittsburgh office, and Ryan Kurtz as Mapping/Program Coordinator in our State College office.

Learn about Alexandra and Ryan [here](#).



## Pennsylvania Legacies



 **Paddling the Perkiomen**

The Perkiomen Creek has officially joined the Pennsylvania Water Trail Partnership. We talked to Ryan Beltz, Executive Director of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, about the process of becoming an official water trail and the Conservancy's other education and conservation efforts within the Perkiomen watershed.



 **A Big Investment**

Allegheny County recently announced its largest-ever investment in trails: nearly 22 million dollars in federally-leveraged grants to advance trails and active transportation. Friends of the Riverfront Executive Director Kelsey Ripper joins us to give an insight into the funded projects and their potential impacts.

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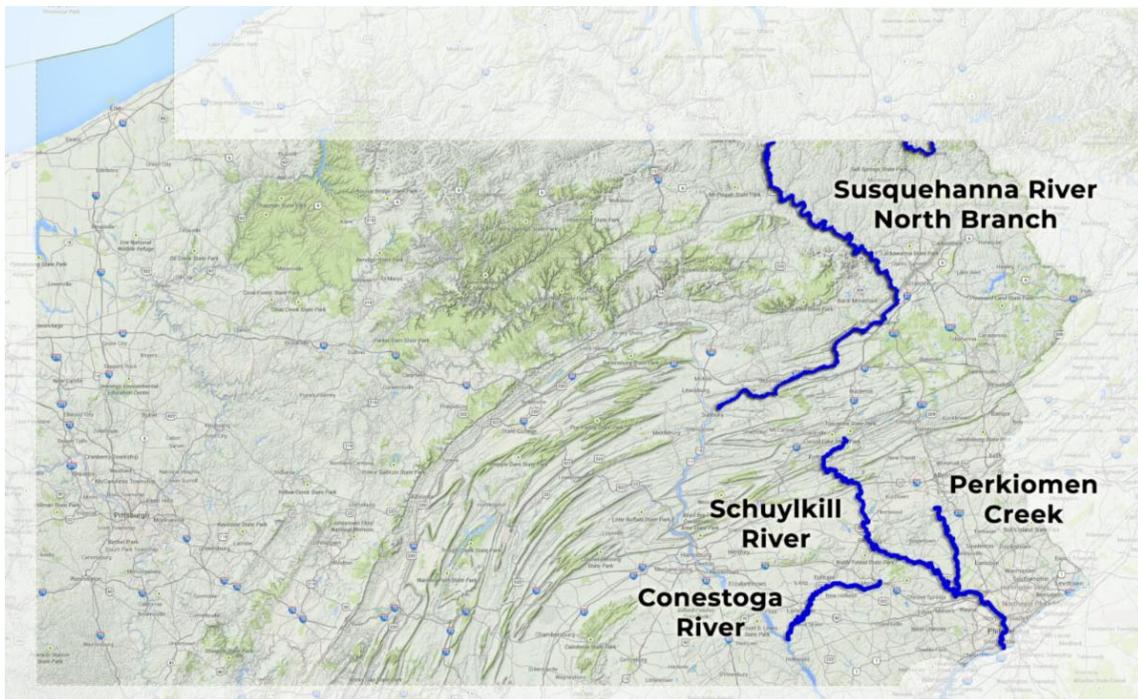
New episodes are posted every other Friday at [pecpa.org/audio](https://pecpa.org/audio) and are available on most podcast platforms.



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## Vote for 2023 River of the Year!

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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