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*An Update on
Environmental
Issues in
Pennsylvania*

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2006 New Year's Resolutions

Yes, we all do it, make New Year's resolutions about losing weight, being more generous or more successful at what we do.

Investing time to make these positive improvements is very worthwhile, but also investing time, our expertise and our financial resources into improving the environment is an investment that not only pays dividends to us, but to our children and grandchildren.

Include at least one resolution this year that will change your environmental footprint for the better, whether it involves you, your family, your community or your business.

There are plenty of resources available to show you how, and here are two to get you started—

[Green Makes Sense – Save \\$1 Billion
At Home, On the Farm, At School](#)

Calendars Available

PA Environment Digest still has available the two versions of the “2006 *Improve Your Habitat*” calendars for you to print out and use all year long.

Photographs of wild and native plants by [Karen Hohman](#), a frequent contributor of photos to the *Digest*, are featured in one version of our calendar.

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The second features scenes from around Pennsylvania and of active environmentalists.

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Session Schedule

The House and Senate return to start the 2006 session of the General Assembly on January 3, but the real work does not begin until January 23. But, we can't rule out the possibility they may return earlier to address property tax relief.

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On the Hill

On the Senate/House Agenda

The House and Senate are set to return to session on January 3 to open the second half of the 2005-06 legislative session. Here's a rundown of what we know about the House Calendar. The Senate has not yet published their calendar.

The House Calendar includes-- [House Bill 2067](#) setting limits on state spending through a constitutional amendment; [House Bill 1902](#) eliminating the sunset date on the \$2/ton Recycling Fee and requiring Recycling Performance Grants to be used for local recycling and waste reduction efforts; and [Senate Bill 881](#) and [Senate Bill 897](#) making changes to the Eminent Domain Code in response to *Kelo*.

House Committee Sets Meetings on Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy Policy

The House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee has set the next Energy Policy informational meeting for January 25 and a meeting January 11 to discuss greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

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The January 11 meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Building in Delaware County and will feature a presentation by Dr. Richard Alley of Penn State University on the science of climate change, Dr. Adam Rose, also from Penn State, on state responses to greenhouse gas emissions and Ms. Joy Bergey of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Climate Change Campaign.

The January 24 Energy Policy informational meeting agenda includes Dr. Alan Scaroni, Director of the Energy Institute at Penn State University regarding energy research and development, Rosemary McAvoy of the Renewable Energies Council discussing alternative fuels and Christopher Lynch, Director, [Environmental Management Services](#) of the Small Business Development Center at the Wharton School regarding energy efficiency in small businesses.

The House Committee is chaired by Rep. Bill Adolph (R-Delaware) and Rep. Bud George (D-Clearfield).

In Other News

Recycling in PA Tops 4.8 Million Tons, Saving Materials Valued at \$113 Million



The Department of Environmental Protection this week reported Pennsylvanians recycled over 4.8 million tons of municipal waste in 2004 avoiding over \$259 million in disposal costs in the process. In 2003, [counties reported recycling 4.4 million tons](#).

The materials collected were valued at more than \$113 million.

Other calculated benefits include:

- **Energy Savings:** almost 66 trillion British thermal units (BTUs) of energy, enough to power 643,000 homes for one year in Pennsylvania or the equivalent of conserving 531 million gallons of gasoline;
- **Air Pollution/Climate Change Gas Reduction:** eliminated more than 2.5 million metric tons of air emissions, including greenhouse gas emission reductions of 1.9 million metric tons of carbon equivalent --- a savings of approximately 2.4 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions. Part of the air emissions savings total was 7,731 metric tons of sulfur oxides, an important ingredient in acid rain formation. Nitrogen oxides, a precursor to smog, were reduced by 8,814 metric tons, an amount equal to 5.5 percent of these emissions from Pennsylvania electrical utilities;
- **Water Pollution Reduction:** nearly 9,000 metric tons;
- **Raw Materials:** by recycling more than 1 million tons of steel cans, appliances and similar materials, Pennsylvania industries saved almost 1.3 million tons of iron ore, 718,460 tons of coal and 61,582 tons of limestone; and
- **Paper:** Through recycling newspapers, office and mixed paper, the state saved the equivalent of 8.2 million trees. On average, a live tree removes 60 pounds per year of air pollution from the environment.

For more information, visit [Recycling in PA](#) and the [GreenTreks Recycling Resources webpage](#).

New Video Explains Composition of PA Waste, How Much Could Be Recycled

A [video explaining](#) the kinds of waste going into Pennsylvania's landfills and estimating how much could be recycled is now available online.

The video is based on the Comprehensive Waste Composition Study completed in 2003 by the Department of Environmental Protection.

For more information, visit the [DEP Waste Study](#) and [the video](#) webpages.

Grants Available for Historic Preservation Programs

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is accepting applications for 2006 [Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Grants](#) which help teach people about ways to preserve local history. Applications are due January 13.

Grant money can be used to evaluate a municipality's historic and archaeological resources; to prepare nominations for the National Register of Historic Places; to develop documentation to designate additional municipal historic districts or to enlarge a previously designated municipal historic district; to offer historic preservation training for Certified Local Government review board or commission members and staff; to develop and publish brochures or educational materials that explain municipal historic preservation responsibilities, activities, programs or local regulatory procedures; and to develop a municipal historic preservation plan.

Certified local governments can apply for grants in the following categories: Cultural Resource Survey; National Register Nominations; Technical and Planning Assistance; Educational and Interpretative Programs; Staffing and Training; and Pooling and Third Party Administration.

To be considered, projects should take place between August 1, 2006, and July 31, 2007.

To be certified, local governments must maintain a historic preservation commission, survey local historic properties, enforce local preservation laws and satisfy other qualifications. For information on how to become a certified local government, or to discuss the program in detail, contact Michel R. Lefevre at 717-787-0771.

Applications are available at the [Certified Local Government Grant Program webpage](#).

High Performance “Green School” Grants Available

The Governor's Green Government Council announced schools can apply for a [High-Performance Green Schools Planning Grant](#) to help defray the cost of complying with LEED green building design standards. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The grants are funded by the State Public School Building Authority and jointly administered by the Governor's Green Government Council and the Department of Education.

Eligible costs include building energy simulations and daylight modeling, green coaches and specialty consultant fees, design fees for additional services beyond those

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conventionally covered, and help with LEED-NC certification costs. The funds are not available for research, materials, or construction costs.

Projects that fail to obtain at least LEED-NC Silver certification within one year of building acceptance will be required to repay grant funds to the Department of Education.

For more information, visit the [High-Performance Green Schools Planning Grant webpage](#) or contact the Governor's Green Government Council at planninggrants@gggc.state.pa.us or call 717-772-8924.

(courtesy [Green Building Alliance](#))

Fred Rogers Learning, Media Center to be Green Building

Saint Vincent College officials announced Davis Gardner Gannon Pope Architecture (DGGP) of Pittsburgh has been selected as the architects for [The Fred M. Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media](#) and the new Saint Vincent College Conference Center and Exhibition Hall.

The "green" building will include a variety of design features for sustainability, and the College will apply for national Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. These include super-insulated construction, daylight and natural ventilation, high-efficiency mechanical and electrical systems, storm water management on site and water conservation controls.

The entire facility will be outfitted with state-of-the-art technology for communications and presentation, including capabilities for video conferencing and multimedia displays.

Other elements of the overall facility include a display and storage area for the Foster and Muriel McCarl Coverlet Collection and a welcome area and a connection to existing walking trails and the adjacent Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve. Parking will be provided for 350 cars.

The firm has won numerous awards for its work including Top Ten Green Building Award 2005, a national award by the American Institute of Architects, a number of Honor Awards for the Pittsburgh Glass Center from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Project of the Year Award for 2001 from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Commercial Builders Council, Energy Conservation Award 2000 from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Design Excellence Award 1996 from the National Association of Seniors Housing.

The building program will be funded by public and private sources. Funding commitments include \$5 million from the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, \$5 million for the Business/Conference Center from the Richard King Mellon Foundation and \$1 million from the Heinz Endowments.

It is expected that site design will get underway in January 2006. Construction is scheduled to commence in June 2006 and be completed by January 2008.

For more information, visit [The Fred M. Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media website](#).

(courtesy [Green Building Alliance](#))

2005-2006 Green Plan Released by Governor’s Green Council

The Governor’s Green Government Council published its [2005-2006 Green Plan](#) which chronicles the green initiatives undertaken by state agencies under [Executive Order 1998-1](#) signed by Gov. Ridge.

The Green Plan outlines accomplishments in the areas of [green buildings](#), [land use](#), [green energy](#), [green management](#), [green procurement](#), [green transportation](#), [recycling](#) and an [honor roll](#) of individual achievements by agencies.

For more information visit the [Green Plan webpage](#) and for more on the state’s green management program, visit the [Governor’s Green Government Council website](#).

DEP Lists 2005 Environmental Accomplishments

The Department of Environmental Protection this week published a [list of 2005 Accomplishments](#).

January 11 Forum to Examine Energy Supplies and Technology in Pittsburgh

There’s still time to register for the “Federal Energy Policy and You” seminar scheduled for January 11 at Duquesne University.

Key speakers include Dr. Gerst A. Gibbon, retired from the National Energy Technology Laboratory; Michael L. Eastman, from NETL’s Strategic Center for Coal and Ed Cummins from Westinghouse.

Dr. Gibbon will present an overview of United States energy flow and will suggest possible short and long term solutions to the diminishing global supply of petroleum. Mr. Eastman will discuss new technologies and approaches that will ensure the safe, clean, and affordable use of United States fossil energy resources through the 21st century.

Mr. Cummins will present an overview of new nuclear power initiatives being pursued by Westinghouse and how the federal energy policy will either aid or hinder those initiatives.

The seminar is presented by the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh; The American Chemical Society; Pittsburgh Section; American Institute of Chemical Engineers; and the Energy Technology Group, Pittsburgh Section, ACS.

To register for the seminar, contact Valarie at the Energy Symposium at daugherty@pittcon.org or phone 412-825-3220, ext 204. Leave your name, e-mail and/or phone number.

Farm Show to Feature Special Renewable Fuels Display – January 7-14

Home grown energy sources from ethanol, soy-based biodiesel to corn-fired stoves will be on display at a special Pennsylvania Energy Harvest display area during the 90th [Pennsylvania Farm Show](#) January 7-14 in Harrisburg.

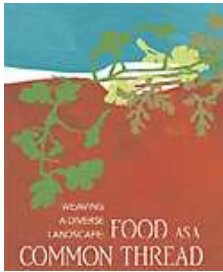
Pennsylvania Agriculture is not only comprised of production agriculture and related value added agribusinesses, but is also made up of those products that can serve to provide alternative energies to sustain Pennsylvania’s vibrant economy.

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This display will give visitors the opportunity to interact with individuals and companies who have developed or are in the process of developing sources or processes in this new and exciting field of renewable agricultural energy.

The inaugural meeting of the Governor's Renewable Agricultural Energy Council will be held January 3, ahead of the Farm Show, to lay out a work plan and goals for 2006.

Sustainable Agriculture Conference to be held February 2-4



The Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture will hold its annual "[Farming for the Future Conference](#)" in State College February 2 to 4.

This year, PASA will offer six pre-conference "tracks" on Thursday. These sessions offer participants a chance to delve more deeply into special topics, and also to become better acquainted with other people of common interest.

Two tracks are intended to meet the needs of the fastest growing segments of the farm community, including many farmers of either gender who did not grow up farming. Other pre-conference tracks this year include "The Link between Nutrition and Agriculture" (back by popular demand), "Pastured Poultry" (with help from the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy), "The Art of Country Living" and "The Art of Cheese."

Conference speakers include: Sandra Steingraber, noted biologist and author of *Living Downstream*, will open the conference Friday morning. Ag-economist-turned-activist John Ikerd will close the conference Saturday afternoon. Among other topics, Ikerd will discuss themes from his new book *Sustainable Capitalism: A Matter of Common Sense*. "

Brother David Andrews, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference of Des Moines, Iowa, will give a pre-conference presentation on Thursday evening titled, "Weaving a Diverse Landscape: Food as a Common Thread," with a discussion of the NCRLC's *Eating is a Moral Act* campaign.

Other workshops cover such farming interests as fruit and vegetable production, sustainable livestock, soil regeneration, conservation practices (including alternative energy systems) and federal farm policy initiatives, as well as a host of issues of interest to farmers and the non-farming public alike.

Examples of general interest sessions this year include "Towards Social Justice in Agriculture" and a panel to look at the issue of "Sacred Foods: The Critical Impact of Religion on Our Food Systems."

Special credit (0.6 CEU) is available to potential professional composters who participate in three sessions offered at this year's conference on Saturday by the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania. Participants in this program will also receive a complimentary copy of "The Practical Guide to Compost Marketing and Sales" by Ron Alexander.

For more information, visit the [2006 Conference webpage](#) or call PASA at 814-349-9856.

4-H Tree Planting Program Grants Applications Due January 13

The Grants Management Team of [National 4-H Council](#) offers grants for youth in local communities, in counties, and on the state level to encourage healthy lifestyles and tree planting. Applications are due January 13.

These grants provide opportunities for young people and adults to take action on issues critical to their lives, their families, and their communities. Youth take the lead in the design of the project, the proposal writing process, the implementation, and the evaluation of funded projects.

To apply, visit the [4-H Grant webpage](#).

Feature - 2005 Year in Review Part II

Active Environmentalists in 2005

PA Environment Digest covered hundreds of stories during 2005, but none were as inspiring as those that recognized individuals, businesses and organizations for their positive efforts to improve the environment.

Teachers, students, farmers, business people, public agencies, watershed associations and nonprofit groups all took the initiative to make their habitats better.

Here is just a sampling of the kind of good environmental news that happens every day in Pennsylvania--

January

- [Westmoreland + Shaver's Creek Award Winners Recognized](#)
- [Affordable Housing Goes Green in Cumberland County](#)
- [Free Waste Reduction Assessments in Allegheny County from PRC](#)
- [Beverage Industry Cuts Packaging in Half Since 1990](#)
- [The Art of Environmental Education in Steel Valley Middle School](#)
- [Rozell Stidd To Receive Ralph Abele Conservation Heritage Award](#)
- [New Cambria Wind Farm Locates on Reclaimed Strip Mine](#)
- [PA Partnership Forming to Promote No-Till Conservation Practices](#)
- [Adams County Trout Unlimited Receives Nat'l Conservation Award](#)
- [DCNR Honors Pike County Community For Wildfire Preparedness](#)
- [Feature: The Geography of Restoring Aultmans Run in Indiana County](#)
- [Case Study: Roofing System Gives Londonderry School Extra Green Credit](#)
- [How to Clean 3 Miles of Stream Banks-- Let Eagle Scouts Lead the Way!](#)
- [Using Pennsylvania's "Citizen Capital" To Cleanup Our Abandoned Mine Legacy](#)



Alice Cottone Steel Valley Middle School

February

- [Coatesville School Join EPA's Tools for Schools Indoor Air Quality Program](#)
- [Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show Presents Annual Outdoor Achievement Awards](#)

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- [Inspiring Folks to Get Involved in Their Watershed By Jo Ellen Litz](#)
- [Natural Heroes Public Television Series Wins 26th Annual Telly Award](#)
- [The New Math of Energy Production: Cows + Manure = Gas + Electricity](#)
- [American Water Launches Watershed Grant Program in Pennsylvania](#)
- [“State of the ‘Sock,” Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association](#)
- [Chester County Dentist Makes His Office Cleaner, Brighter](#)
- [PPL Invests \\$630 Million in Voluntary Pollution Controls](#)
- [Brownfields Loan Transforms Vacant Lot to Business Center](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson Recognized as Corporate Environmental Leader by EPA](#)



Award Winners Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show

March

- [Forest Lands Beautification Program Cleans Up 33 Dumps, 287 Tons of Trash](#)
- [EPA Recognizes Limerick Township For Environmental Performance](#)
- [Display at Philadelphia Flower Show Highlights Native Species](#)
- [The Chemistry of Saving Anderson Creek](#)
- [Bruce Mansfield Power Plant to Upgrade Pollution Controls, Reuse Facilities](#)
- [Three Companies Add Facilities to Environmental Performance Track in PA](#)
- [Two PA Companies Recognized for Energy Efficiency, Greenhouse Gas Reductions](#)
- [2004 Youth Hunter Essay Contest Winners Honored](#)
- [Trout Egg Planting Completes McIlvaine Run Restoration](#)
- [2004 Winners of the Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award](#)
- [Environmental Advisory Councils Win Recognition at Annual Conference](#)
- [West Branch of the Susquehanna Named DCNR’s River of the Year](#)
- [Lancaster, EPA Turn Brownfield into Roberto Clemente Park](#)
- [PNC Bank Takes Environment into Account](#)
- [3 New Historical Markers Remember People, Places in PA Environmental History](#)



Restoration of McIlvaine Run

April

- [BP Solar Panels Provide Backup Power In Governor’s Residence](#)
- [William Jeanes Environmental Excellence Award Presented to PPL Project Earth](#)
- [Pennsylvania League of Angling Youth Turns 25 Years Old](#)



Lenape Nation – Tradition of Caretaking.

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- [Sawmill Will Cut Costs, Pollution With Financial Help From DEP/DCED](#)
- [The Lenape Nation: A Tradition of Caretaking— People and the Environment](#)
- [Kettle Creek Newsletter Praises Volunteers, Touts Projects, Tells What’s Next](#)
- [PA National Guard Facility Wins National Recognition, After State Honors](#)
- [Philadelphia Group Wins EPA Children’s Health Award](#)
- [Farmers Recognized for Protecting the Chesapeake Bay](#)
- [Join Companies that Saved \\$1 Billion and the Environment - Earth Day 2005](#)
- [Pennsylvania Colleges & Universities Increase Wind Energy Commitment](#)
- [PECO, Aqua America, GlaxoSmithKline Make Wind Power Commitments](#)
- [Penn State Student Leave Behinds Turn Into “Trash to Treasure” Sale](#)
- [Game Commission Gives PPL Wildlife Award](#)
- [Pennsylvania Teacher Among Winners of IMCC Awards](#)
- [Six of Top 25 Green Power Purchasers in U.S. Do Business in PA](#)
- [Follow the Leaders- Students, Companies, Non-Profits, Government](#)
- [A Significant Milestone for the Lehigh River and Its Watershed](#)
- [Finalists Announced for Western PA Environmental Awards](#)
- [10 Year Anniversaries for Land Recycling, DEP Website](#)
- [Habitat Solutions, Inc. Restoring Native Plants, Wetlands & Streams](#)

May

- [PA Companies Pledge Greenhouse Gas Cuts as Climate Leaders, Receive Awards](#)
- [Over 60% of Voters Approve Growing Greener Ballot Initiative](#)
- [Reynoldsville Company Saves Over \\$77,000 Reducing Waste](#)
- [Plaza at PPL Center Earns Energy Star for Efficiency](#)
- [Gary Alt, Eastern Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Win Mason Award](#)
- [Winners of First Shades of Green Award Announced in Pittsburgh](#)
- [Keep PA Beautiful Awards Groups in Great PA Cleanup! Troy-Bilt Yard Vacs](#)
- [Conservation Institute Revives Natural Science/Natural History Education](#)
- [Over 300 High School Students Participate in PA Envirothon Competition](#)
- [Exelon Joins the Pew Center on Global Climate Change](#)
- [Ann Meyers Recognized with R. Emmet Doherty Clean Air Award](#)
- [Western PA Environmental Awards Program Winners Announced](#)
- [Western PA Audubon Announces Education and Conservation Award Winners](#)



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- [Pennsylvania’s 10 Years of Success in Addressing ‘Brownfield’ Sites](#)
- [Reclaimed Water Offers Solutions to Water Quality, Water Demand Problems](#)
- [Equipment Rental Program Helps Promote No-Till Farming, Other Programs](#)
- [Dennis Tubbs, PA CleanWays Show the Way for Others](#)



Environmental Education Alive and Well in Armstrong County

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- [It Takes a Village to Grow A Park, Ask the Students of Village Park Elementary](#)
- [Protect Our Watersheds Art Contest Winners Announced](#)
- [Tyrone Company Reduces Hazardous Waste, Takes 725+ Trucks Off the Road](#)
- [Catasauqua Wins National Award for Pretreatment Program](#)
- [Carnegie Science Center Awards for Excellence Presented](#)
- [Friendship Park, Household Hazardous Waste Project Involve Community](#)
- [PA Water Environment Association Recognizes Environmental Excellence](#)
- [Philadelphia/RecycleBank Triple Recycling in Pilot Areas](#)
- [Environmental Education is Alive and Well in Armstrong County](#)
- [Guided by Water - Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity in Pennsylvania](#)
- [EnviroEducation.com, Steinbrenner's Recognized in Awards Program](#)
- [Mine Blowout Results in Cooperative Project That Is a Model for the Future](#)
- [Amerikohl, Collection Connection Show the Way for Others](#)

July

- [Gautier Steel, Johnstown, Cut Energy Costs by \\$290,000+](#)
- [PA Environmental Professionals Support Environmental Heritage Project](#)
- [Projects, Environmental Centers Discover Natural Pennsylvania](#)
- [Fish & Boat Commission's Austen Leads National Fish Habitat Effort](#)
- [Pittsburgh Youth Action Board Wins Environmental Advocacy Award](#)
- [North Versailles Teen Wins Awards for Air Pollution Experiments](#)
- [Students Take Environmental Message to the Streets in Erie](#)
- [Worms Help Granville Twp. Turn Biosolids into Exceptional Quality Compost](#)
- [Pennsylvania Student Team Wins 2005 Canon Envirothon](#)
- [Student, Teacher Win Honors in National Environmental Competition](#)
- [Poster Contest, Scholarship Winners Announced by Conservation Districts](#)
- [Ohio River Watershed Celebration Attracts 800 Participants, Awards Presented](#)
- [Pennsylvania Welcomes World to Pittsburgh for Bassmaster Classic](#)
- [George B. Wolff Receives State Conservation Commission Service Award](#)



PAEP Environmental
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- [New Plant Will Turn Thousands of Tons of Scrubber Sludge Into Wall Board](#)
- [Federal-Mogul in Boyertown Eliminates Lead Solder In Its Operations](#)
- [Dry Cleaner Reduces Energy Bill and Waste](#)
- [Kettle Creek Celebrates Completion of Mine Reclamation, Treatment Projects](#)
- [Plan to Restore Youghiogheny River Tributary Approved](#)



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- [TU Magazine Features Stories of Four PA Projects and People](#)
- [What's 28 Feet Long and Eats Trash In the Waters Around Pittsburgh?](#)
- [Controller Recommends RecycleBank Program to Boost Recycling in Philadelphia](#)
- [Philadelphia Program to Cleanup Vacant Lots Lauded](#)
- [PPL to Add Scrubbers to Brunner Island Power Station](#)
- [Student Interns Talk About Their Summer Experiences](#)
- [PA Senior Environment Corp Documentary Nominated for Emmy Award](#)
- [York Educator Wins Conservation District Award](#)
- [Conservation Consultants Building Achieves Gold LEED Standard](#)
- [Mine Water Treatment Technology Conference Attracts Over 260](#)
- [Wildlands Conservancy Land Protection Initiative](#)
- [Learning Can Be Tough for These DCNR Interns](#)

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- [Pennsylvania Sends Relief Help, Steps Taken to Ease Potential Fuel Shortage](#)
- [Dzemyan, Land Management Supervisor, Recognized for Conservation Work](#)
- [Nine Mile Run Partners To Celebrate Completion of First Phase](#)
- [EPA Honors Penn State Student as Rising Star in Environmental Science](#)
- [Remining Program Leads to Cleaning Up Abandoned Mines in Westmoreland](#)
- [Group Fosters Support to Preserve the Avondale Mine Disaster Site](#)
- [Soy Energy, Inc. Becomes Part of Agriculture's PA Preferred Program](#)
- [Life on the Delaware Documentary Distributed Nationally on PBS Stations](#)
- [Million Solar Roofs Partnership Celebrates October 1 Solar Tour Day](#)
- [Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited Wins 2005 Silver Trout Award](#)
- [Audenreid Treatment Project Will Clean Up 36 Miles of Catawissa Creek](#)
- [Lukas Petre PA CleanWays Sue Wiseman Scholarship Winner](#)
- [AMD & ART Receive National Phoenix Award](#)
- [Chester Waterfront Brownfields Project Wins Phoenix Award](#)
- [Consortium Formed to Buy Diesel Fuel Made from Waste Coal at Schuylkill Plant](#)
- [Cambria District Mining Office Opens for National Solar Tour October 1](#)
- [Turnpike Commission Increases Purchase of Wind Power](#)



Audenreid Treatment Project – Catawissa Creek

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- [Mercer County Brownfield Site Turned Into Community Asset](#)
- [Gov. Rendell Honors Six Pennsylvania Environmental Leaders](#)
- [Abandoned Mine Drainage Treatment Facility Dedicated in Findlay Township](#)
- [Appalachian Land & Conservation Donates Viewshed Easements to DCNR](#)



Heartland Coalition

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- [Seven PA Students Receive NOAA Hollings Scholarships](#)
- [School District Joins EPA’s Tools for Schools Indoor Air Quality Program](#)
- [Heartland Coalition Works to Heal Middle/Upper Susquehanna Watershed](#)
- [Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Recognized as a “Best Workplace for Commuters”](#)
- [Pittsburgh Clean Cities Coalition Joins “Beyond a Billion” Celebration](#)
- [Pittsburgh Mayor Appoints Clean Pittsburgh Commission Members](#)
- [Volunteers Needed to Plant 4,000 Trees along Brandywine Creek](#)
- [Northeast Environmental Partnership Recognizes Good Environmental Works](#)
- [EPA Green Power Partnership Tops 3 Billion Kilowatts, 13 PA Partners](#)
- [Upper Merion Township Authority Wins National Clean Water Recognition](#)
- [Adams Township, Mars, Carbon County Honored for Groundwater Efforts](#)

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- [First Environmental Bond Grants for Brownfield, Watershed, Energy Projects](#)
- [New Environmental Bond Grant Funds Watershed Project Repairs Statewide](#)
- [Capital Region Senior Environment Corps Wins Watershed Protection Award](#)
- [Over 450 Attend Premier of “Looking to the River” Documentary by WVIA-TV](#)
- [Schuylkill River Heritage Recognizes Partners for Preservation, Water Trail Efforts](#)
- [Pitt Laboratory Earns Gold Green Building Designation](#)
- [Keystone Profiles, Ltd. Saves Over \\$41,000 a Year in Energy, Waste Costs](#)
- [Conestoga Wood Specialties Wins Businesses for the Bay Award](#)
- [A Year of Changes for Wolf Creek, Grove City, by Anna McAnnich](#)
- [Blacklick Creek Assn. Still Going Strong, 13 Watershed Projects and Counting](#)
- [\\$14.4 Million in Watershed Restoration Grants Announced](#)
- [Exelon Sold 1 Million+ Megawatt-Hours of Wind Energy, Gathers Honors](#)
- [Limerick Generating Station Achieves ISO 14000 Environmental Certification](#)
- [Penn State Newspaper Recycling Effort Raises Scholarship Funds](#)
- [Important Bird Areas, Kittatinny Ridge Project Protect Habitat Areas](#)
- [Helping a McMurray Dry Cleaner Lower Utility Bills and Reduce Waste](#)
- [PA Plants 4 Times More Stream Buffers Than Maryland, Virginia Combined](#)
- [PA Restores 3 Times More Brownfields Than Virginia, Maryland Combined](#)
- [Winners of the Why I Love My Pennsylvania State Park Children's Essay Contest](#)
- [The 4 Es Was Theme of PRC’s 2005 Awards Dinner](#)
- [Chester County Recognizes Green Businesses](#)



PA Resources Council 2005
Award Winners

December

- [BP Forms BP Alternative Energy Low Carbon Power Business](#)
- [Westmoreland Conservation Campus Expanding to Include “GreenForge”](#)

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- [The Nature Conservancy - Celebrating 50 Years in Pennsylvania](#)
- [Watershed Groups Are “Active Environmentalists,” Not “Environmental Activists”](#)
- [Solar Energy Leader Honored by Society of Women Environmental Professionals](#)
- [DRBC Honors Pioneering Ecologist Dr. Ruth Patrick](#)
- [RecycleBank Happy New Year!](#)



BP Alternative
Energy

Quick Clips

Here's a selection of NewsClips on environmental topics from around the state.

- [Deer Management in PA – Dr. Tim Schaeffer](#)
- [Specific Measurements for Tracking Success of Deer Program Lacking](#)
- [Powdermill EE Center Receives Grant](#)
- [Solar Use Can Reward Homeowners](#)
- [Soy-Based Fuel Plants to Open in PA](#)
- [Man's Truck Runs on Waste Cooking Oil](#)
- [Grant to Save Farmland in York County](#)
- [8 Communities Stake Future on Regional Plan](#)
- [Conservancy to Study Rare Creatures](#)
- [Somerset County Conservation District Considers Green Energy](#)
- [Minersville Considers Energy-Saving Options](#)
- [Reliant Plans to Pump Fly Ash Into Abandoned Mine](#)

Watershed NewsClips

Read a sampling of NewsClips on watershed topics from around Pennsylvania.

- [Reclamation Rising on Youghiogheny River](#)
- [Water Trading an Innovative Concept for Emphasizing Community Cooperation](#)
- [Editorial: Working Toward Agreement on Great Lakes Protection](#)
- [Chesapeake Bay Journal – Jan/Feb Issue – Features, Updates](#)

Regulations

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission [published notice](#) of its approval of the Practice and Procedure regulations for the Environmental Hearing Board.

[Pennsylvania Bulletin – December 31, 2005](#)

Comment Deadlines: [Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

[Copies of Proposed Regulations \(DEP website\)](#)

[Status of Regulations, 6-Month Calendar \(DEP website\)](#)

Technical Guidance & Permits

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources published notice of a [proposed exchange of lands](#) in Union County. The Department of Environmental Protection gave notice it is applying to [establish a Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund](#).

[For copies of Draft Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

[For copies of Final Technical Guidance \(DEP website\)](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Upcoming conferences, meetings, workshops, plus links to other online calendars. [Go To: PA Environment Digest Calendar Page](#)

- [DEP's Annual schedule of board and advisory committee meetings for 2006](#)
- **January 3** – [Renewable Agricultural Energy Council](#) meeting Room 105 Rachel Carson Building, Harrisburg. 9:00 am.
- **January 9** – [DCNR Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee](#) meeting Room 105 Rachel Carson Building, Harrisburg. 9:00.
- **January 10** – [Southwest PA Air Quality Partnership annual meeting](#). Pittsburgh.
- **January 11** – House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee informational meeting on [greenhouse gas emissions and climate change](#). Springfield, Delaware County.
- **January 11** – [PA Energy Development Authority](#) meeting (rescheduled from December 16) Room 105 Rachel Carson Building, Harrisburg. 10:00 a.m.
- **January 11** – **CANCELLED** - [DEP Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting](#).
- **January 12** – Forestry Task Force Meeting (Joint Legislative Conservation Committee) in State College.
- **January 13** – NRCS [Know Your Soils Using Web Soil Survey Net and Audio Conference](#).
- **January 19** – [Rachel Carson Forum on Nutrient and Sediment Credit Trading](#).
- **January 19** – Green Building Association of Central Pennsylvania “[Escape Cabin Fever Reception and Seminar](#)” Harrisburg.
- **January 23** – Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition presents Judy Wicks, founder White Dog Café, on Local Living Economics, 3:00, Glasbern Inn, Fogelsville. Info: Julie Thomases, jthomases@yahoo.com

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- **January 24** – House Environmental Resources & Energy Committee informational meeting on [energy policy](#).

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