



July's Environmental Legal Wins



The Fight for RGGI

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, the PA Supreme Court recognized the fundamental right of PennFuture, Clean Air Council, Sierra Club, and Environmental Defense Fund, and their members, to defend Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), by overturning the Commonwealth Court's June 28, 2022 denial of intervention.

This is a **BIG deal**

This decision is **a powerful precedent** that gives organizations and the members they represent another opportunity to fight for clean air, pure water, and a healthy, stable environment in court.

The decision **immediately grants our intervention in the case** to defend Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). This means PennFuture attorneys will now be arguing the merits of RGGI and climate policy in front of the Supreme Court—a first for any environmental group in Pennsylvania.

Read our [press release here](#).

Transco Challenge Rejected

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has sided with environmental organizations, vindicating their right to challenge permits issued to the Transcontinental Gas

Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) before the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board.

The Third Circuit [affirmed that the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board \(PA EHB\) has jurisdiction](#) to

hear appeals of state permits issued as part of gas pipeline projects. As a result, the legal challenge brought by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) before the PA EHB can proceed.

"Every single court that has reviewed this issue to this point has found that Pennsylvania's Environmental Hearing Board can take up this appeal and review Transco's plans to cross and impact multiple miles of Pennsylvania's special protection waters," said **Jessica O'Neill, PennFuture's Managing Attorney for Litigation**. "We will continue to push back against Transco's attempt to evade review, and we will continue to challenge these permits that degrade Pennsylvania's special protection waters."

Read our [press release here](#).



Erie Gives Day – Tuesday, August 13

You can increase your impact to PennFuture next week!

Erie Gives 2024 takes place online on **Tuesday, August 13th, 2024**. During the 24-hour period of online giving, The Erie Community Foundation and other generous donors will also **match a percentage of your donation**, increasing your impact even more!

PennFuture and Jenny Tompkins, our Clean Water Campaign Manager, are leading the efforts to protect human health and aquatic communities with clean water initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels.

Your support during this year's **Erie Gives 2024** will help PennFuture and Jenny continue legislative advocacy to improve water quality for the Lake Erie Watershed and all of Pennsylvania.

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Time: 12:00am—11:59pm

Location: [Our donation page](#)

Erie Gives Day:

PennFuture's Profile



Take Action: Tell Congress to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act - named after the late civil rights leader Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga - is legislation that would update and restore critical safeguards of the original Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In 2021, it passed in the House but did not reach the 60 votes required to overcome a filibuster in the Senate. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (VRAA) was just reintroduced to Congress, and we need YOUR help to demonstrate support.

Sign our petition today to tell Congress -- pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act!

Take Action:

Support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act



How Recent US Supreme Court Decisions Harm Environmental Protection

Penned by **PennFuture's VP of Legal & Policy Abby Jones**, this new article is a deeper dive into the recent Supreme Court decisions' impact on environmental protection:

Corner Post, Inc. v. Bd. of Governors of the Fed. Resrv. Sys., 603 U.S. ____ (2024) - No real time limits to challenge federal regulations.

SEC v. Jarkesy, 603 U.S. ____ (2024) - makes it more difficult to hold those who violate rules accountable.

Following the *Loper Bright* decision, "What is painfully clear from this trifecta of recent Supreme Court cases is that it will be harder for administrative agencies that are entrusted with the protection of our environment, our health, and our safety to do their jobs."

READ:

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 PennFuture

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT POLICY
IS ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY**

**An Intro to Sustainable
Economics Webinar**

Join us as we highlight our new report that outlines ways that the Department of Community & Economic Development can be leveraged to support a clean energy economy in Pennsylvania that improves quality of life for communities while creating family-sustaining jobs for workers.

 *Wednesday, August 14th
6 PM - 7 PM ET
via Zoom*

An Intro to Sustainable Economics Webinar

This webinar will explain the basics of sustainable economics, describe the DCED, and offer insight into the concrete next steps that this agency can take to secure a cleaner and more economically stable future for all Pennsylvanians.

Economic development projects shape the landscape and impact everyday life by influencing air quality, traffic volume, stormwater flow, and local employment opportunities.

Sign-up for PennFuture's latest webinar on Wednesday, August 14, 2024: An Intro to Sustainable Economics webinar. [Register for the Zoom link here.](#)

REGISTER:

Economic Policy *IS* Environmental Policy Webinar



AJR Concert & Clean Energy Support

On July 25, 2024 in Philadelphia, pop band AJR collaborated with PennFuture to promote climate action in Pennsylvania.

At the concert, PennFuture's Director of Civic Engagement Jess Cadorette and Campaigns Director Annie Regan ran an active photo petition for fans to show support for clean energy.

AJR and the band's nonprofit Planet ReImagine also shared PennFuture's QR code to submit a letter to lawmakers calling on them to support clean energy in PA.

You can get involved too! Sign the letter below to show lawmakers you support clean energy!

Sign the Letter:

Clean Energy for Climate Action



Upcoming Events in PA

LANCASTER COUNTY

Lemon Street Market Fundraiser July-August

Choose to “round up for charity” when you make a purchase at Lemon Street Market during July and August and all donations will go to PennFuture. Customers can also choose to increase their at-the-register donation by adding to their round up value.

Lemon Street Market is a full-service grocery store located just on **the corner of Mulberry and Lemon Street in Lancaster City**. The store focuses on sustainable and healthy living, with many local, organic, vegan, and gluten-free options.

ERIE COUNTY

Erie Gives Day 2024 - Tuesday,
August 13, 2024

Beginning at midnight, the Erie Community Foundation and its sponsors will add additional dollars-Bonus Bucks--to each donation that is made to PennFuture in a 24 hour period.

[Here are ways you can give during this event.](#)

PennFuture's profile can be found [here](#).

VIRTUAL

Webinar: Economic Policy is
Environmental Policy - An Intro to
Sustainable Economics
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 6:00
PM

[Register for the Zoom link.](#)

This webinar introduces this work and breaks down our recently released report "Economic Policy is Environmental Policy: Prioritizing Environmental Progress in Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development". This report outlines the ways that the DCED can be leveraged to support Pennsylvania's transition to clean energy and how that transition can improve quality of life for communities and create familysustaining jobs for workers.

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