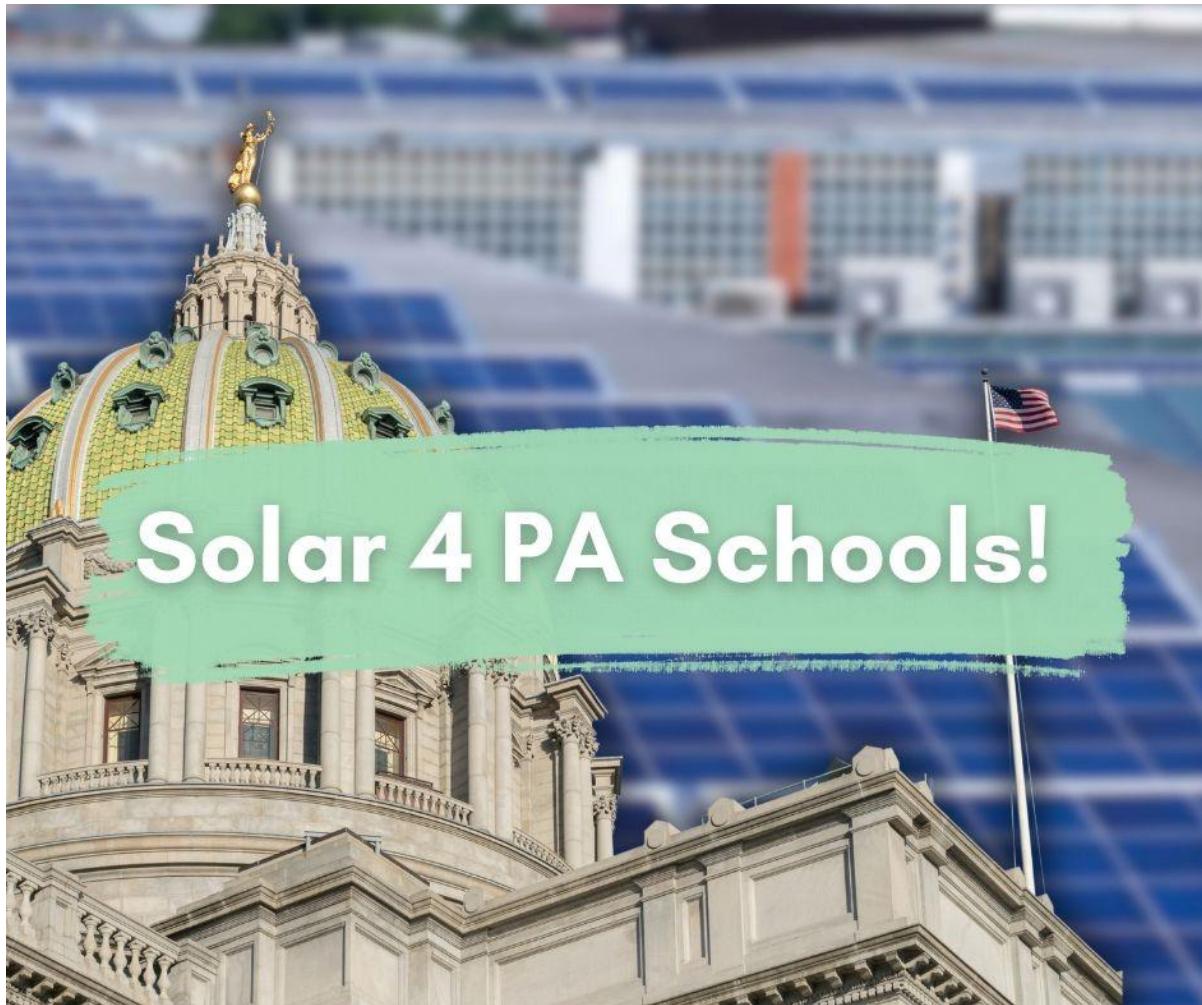




## July Newsletter



**Environmental Wins In Reach!**



We did it! Solar 4 PA Schools passes! 🌱 ☀️

**Solar 4 PA Schools** — Passed in the House and Senate with incredible bipartisan support! On Wednesday, July 10 it passed the Senate 42-7. It went back to the House on Thursday, July 11, passing on concurrence 112-90. It's now headed to Governor Shapiro's desk!

This bill was made possible by the advocacy of Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler and YOU — the PennFuture volunteers and members — who sent letters and social media posts in support to lawmakers. This legislation will help PA schools with the cost of installing solar energy systems and increase clean energy in PA.

**On Deck:**

**Clean Streams Fund** – Millions in renewed dedicated funding for the Clean Streams Fund.

**Abandoned Well Plugging** — Millions in additional funding to continue and expand the Commonwealth's work in plugging abandoned methane wells.

**Not Moving Until Fall 2024:**

**Modernizing PEDA House Bill 2338** – also championed by Rep. Fiedler, this bill will help PA Energy Development Authority access federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act that will bolster our clean energy economy. **Bill is on hold until the fall.**

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# Erie's 40 Under 40



## Congratulations, Jenny Tompkins!

PennFuture's Clean Water Campaign Manager Jenny Tompkins is named one of Erie's 40 Under 40 for 2024!

"A convener and connector for many local groups, educating and empowering them to make sure Erie is not left behind when decisions are made in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C., Tompkins is leading PennFuture's efforts to build climate-resilient waterways and watershed communities in Pennsylvania."

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: Mark Your Calendars — Erie Gives Day is Tuesday, August 13, 2024** beginning at midnight! Please consider making a donation to PennFuture! Here is the [link to PennFuture's profile](#).

READ:



## **Understanding the Supreme Court's Chevron Reversal**

On June 28, 2024, the United States Supreme Court issued a [decision](#) in Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimando, 603 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2024), overturning the longstanding precedent of *Chevron v. NRDC* from 1984.

So what does this mean for environmental regulations — such as this year's EPA New Source Performance Standards for carbon pollution from power plants — and specifically, how will it impact Pennsylvania?

PennFuture's Legal and Policy Team wrote an article this week that takes a deepdive into the court decision and the implications for our environment.

**READ:**

## PA and a Post "Chevron" World



The image shows the front cover of a report titled "ECONOMIC POLICY IS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY". The cover features a large photograph of a mountainous landscape with a town at the base. The PennFuture logo is at the top right. Below the title, it says "Prioritizing Environmental Progress in Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development". A small circular inset shows two people wearing hard hats. To the right is a portrait of Donna Kohut, the Policy Manager for Sustainable Economics.

**New:**

PennFuture's Report on  
Recommendations for the  
DCED.

By: Donna Kohut, Policy Manager for  
Sustainable Economics

June 2024

### The Unspoken Truth: Economic Policy is Environmental Policy

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

On Thursday, June 20, 2024, PennFuture released its [latest report](#) — written by **Policy Manager for Sustainable Economics Donna Kohut** — that investigated the confluence of economic development and environmental

impacts, and offers recommend reforms for Pennsylvania's primary state government economic development agency, the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Pennsylvania Capital-Star wrote the exclusive feature article on PennFuture's DCED report.

Donna Kohut also penned the first in a series of articles on economic development and environmental impacts: [The Unspoken Truth: Economic Policy is Environmental Policy](#)

**Coming up on August 14, 2024: An Intro to Sustainable Economics webinar.** [Register for the Zoom link here.](#)

#### READ:

*Pennsylvania's economic focus must shift away from fossil fuels, environmental nonprofit says*

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## Sign the Clean Energy for Climate Action Petition

Climate justice activist and award-winning actor Mark Ruffalo signed PennFuture & CVPA's petition — and so can you!

Sign the petition to show lawmakers you support clean energy!

**Sign the Petition:**

*Clean Energy for Climate Action*



## PROSPER Act Press Conference in Pittsburgh

PennFuture's Campaigns Director Annie Regan was a speaker for the PROSPER Act press conference. [The PROSPER Act](#), introduced by Representative Lindsay Powell, establishes robust incentives for clean energy companies to create green jobs in Pennsylvania, prioritizing communities most affected by the transition from fossil fuels.

Other speakers included Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato, State Representative Nick Piscottano, and Alyssa Lyon of the Black Environmental Collective, UrbanKind Institute.

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Jane A. Lee



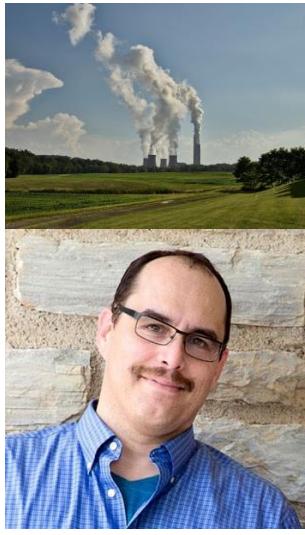
Jessica Nager

## Welcome to PennFuture!

PennFuture is excited to announce Jane A. Lee and Jessica Nager have joined our staff.

**Development Director Jane A. Lee** joins PennFuture from Women for A Healthy Environment (WHE), where she served as Development Director. Jane holds a BS. Degree in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. In her early career, she worked as an environmental chemist analyzing water and soil samples while preparing reports for the United States Government.

**Bucks County Civic Engagement Coordinator Jessica Nager** was born and raised in Bucks County and comes to PennFuture and CVPA after completing policy research at American University for the National Women's Law Center. She recently received a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from American University. She also previously worked as a constituent services representative for the PA Senate, worked on previous coordinated campaigns, among other research and policy positions.



## Understanding the Climate Policies of PACER & PRESS

**PennFuture's Senior Director of Energy & Climate**

**Rob Altenburg** answers questions related to the Governor's proposed Pennsylvania Climate Emissions Reduction Act (PACER) and Pennsylvania Reliable Energy Sustainability Standard (PRESS).

On June 26, 2024, Rob gave a presentation with Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light and Jewish Earth

Alliance titled **Understanding Governor Shapiro's proposed climate policies of PRESS and PACER — available now on YouTube.**

Rob also wrote an article on why the fracked gas industry should be worried: [Pennsylvania needs PRESS now more than ever](#)

### WATCH:

Understanding Governor Shapiro's proposed climate policies of PRESS & PACER

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## Upcoming Events in PA



LET'S TALK GREEN  
PA's 2024 State Budget and Our Environment Webinar  
Wednesday, July 24 at 6:00 pm  
REGISTER NOW

CONSERVATION FUND OF PA PennFuture

A rectangular banner with a light beige background. In the top left corner, there is a circular inset showing a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. To the right of the inset, the text "LET'S TALK GREEN" is written in large, bold, green capital letters. Below that, in smaller blue text, is "PA's 2024 State Budget and Our Environment Webinar". Underneath that, in blue, is "Wednesday, July 24 at 6:00 pm". At the bottom right of the banner, there is a red button with white text that says "REGISTER NOW". At the very bottom, there is a small logo for "CONSERVATION FUND OF PA" next to the word "PennFuture".

### 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:** Let's Talk Green: PA's 2024 State Budget and Our Environment  
July 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
[Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Our legislators have been working full time in Harrisburg to negotiate our state's budget – aka how our state plans to spend its revenues and our taxpayer dollars over the next year. Our policy experts at Conservation Voters of PA and PennFuture are joined by Pennsylvania State Representative Elizabeth Fielder to break down what the final budget means for our environment and democracy in the coming year!

**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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