



The central graphic is a white rectangle with teal wavy borders at the top and bottom. It contains the following text: "Great Lakes Basin" (top left), "Chesapeake Bay Watershed" (top right), "Ohio River Watershed" (bottom left), and "Delaware River Basin" (bottom right). In the center, the title "Navigating Pennsylvania's Clean Water Priorities: Championing a Statewide Water Legislative Agenda" is written in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. Below the title is the PennFuture logo, which consists of a stylized green leaf icon and the word "PennFuture" in a smaller, teal, sans-serif font.

Advocate for Clean Water Investments



On May 7, PennFuture's Clean Water Campaign Team and our partners held 23 meetings with state legislators representing portions of all of Pennsylvania's major watersheds for Clean Water Education Day at the Capitol.

41 organizations signed on to our letter to Governor Shapiro and the General Assembly outlining our Clean Water requests. This is an increase from 29 organizations last year!

Clean Water Education Day kicked off with a press conference in Harrisburg, which you can [view here](#).

The Campaigns Team of **Jenny Tompkins, Michael Mehrazar, and Donna Kohut** authored [an article on how they advocate in Harrisburg, the top water priorities for PA in 2024, and how individuals can get involved.](#)

You can tell your lawmakers to prioritize funding for protecting and restoring Pennsylvania's rivers and lakes!

Right now, members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly are meeting in Harrisburg to negotiate the 2024-25 budget, with a deadline of June 30th.

For this year's budget, we are requesting three key investments:

1. \$200 million in renewed dedicated funding for the Clean Streams Fund, Pennsylvania's first fund to tackle the three top sources of water pollution: acid mine drainage, agricultural runoff, and urban stormwater runoff.
2. The creation of a \$100 million special fund that would provide matching grants to fund projects that support trails, parks, and open space.
3. Full fair-share funding of all the interstate basin commissions, which are agencies responsible for monitoring and protecting water quality and quantity.

We've drafted a letter for you that you can edit and then send directly to your lawmaker!

TAKE ACTION

Advocate for Clean Water



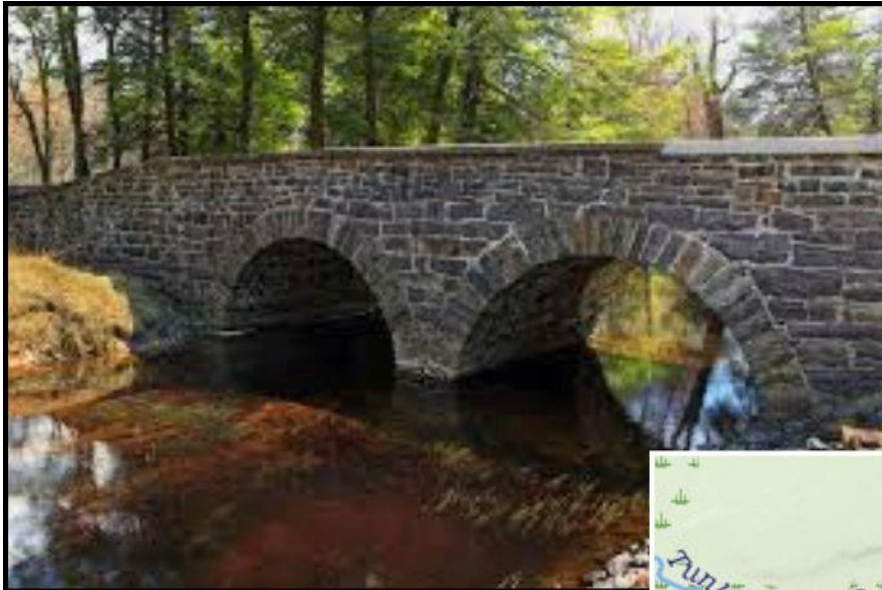
NEPA Gives June 6-7

Today kicks off NEPA Gives — for 24 hours (from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024 to Friday, June 7, 2024) donors may make secure donations to their favorite local nonprofit organizations through the NEPA Gives online platform. Donations to participating nonprofits will be enhanced with bonus funds provided by NEPA Gives sponsors—making donor dollars stretch further!

Please consider making a donation to PennFuture!

DONATE TONIGHT!

NEPA Gives



Mud Pond Run
and
Tunkhannock
Creek

2nd DEP Hearing in Monroe County



DEP Hearing in Monroe County over Warehouse Proposal

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is holding a second public hearing for a distribution center/warehouse proposal in Tunkhannock Township

The Papillon and Moyer I80-115 C-1 Site, LLC Project located in Tunkhannock Township proposes to discharge stormwater into EV wetlands adjacent to the EV Mud Pond Run and EV Tunkhannock Creek (NPDES Permit Application No. PAD450168).

This project would consist of a massive complex of distribution centers and commercial businesses along Route 115, just a mile south of Pocono Raceway. All of this paved impervious surface would be squeezed onto the 100-acre property.

The property is adjacent to one of the few glacial lakes in Monroe County and the surrounding ecosystem of bogs is known as glacial till barrens habitat. The majority of the site was forested, but the developer has already prematurely cut and mulched the forest that helps to protect the exceptional water resources on the site.

DATE: Thursday, June 20, 2024

TIME: 6:00pm to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Tunkhannock Township Fire Hall located at 1539 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, PA 18334

You must pre-register with DEP if you'd like to speak at the hearing.

Individuals wishing to testify at the hearing must email Colleen Connolly, Community Relations Coordinator at: cconnolly@pa.gov.

The image is a composite graphic. At the top, there is a cartoon illustration of a town with houses, trees, a speed limit sign for 50, a black police car with 'POLICE' written on it, and a red vintage car. On the right side, there is a small video call window showing a woman with glasses, identified as 'Erin Meyer'. In the bottom left, there is a cover for a PennFuture report titled 'Public Participation, Public Power: A Community Guide to Local Land Use Decision-Making in Pennsylvania', which includes a photo of a person raising their hand in a meeting. In the bottom right, there is a large white box with the YouTube logo and the text '@pennfuture-media' on a teal background.

Public Participation, Public Power: A Community Guide to Local Land Use Decision-Making in Pennsylvania

Engaging with local land use decision-making is an incredible opportunity to positively impact our local communities and environment. However, in order to do this, we need to know how local decision-making works and how to best participate in it.

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024 PennFuture's **attorneys Abby Jones and Brigitte Meyer and Poconos Field Coordinator Anna Solberg** hosted webinar diving into PennFuture's latest resource—[Public Participation, Public Power: A Community Guide to Local Land Use Decision-Making in Pennsylvania](#).

This guide is an in-depth but accessible review of local land use decision-making bodies, the types of decisions that are made, the rules governing each decision, and tips on how to effectively participate in the process.

The Bucks County Beacon did a feature on the guide book and webinar [Can the Development of Open Space in Pennsylvania Be Stopped Before It Starts? Yes, It Can.](#)

The webinar is available on PennFuture's YouTube Channel.




WATCH:

Webinar: Public Participation, Public Power

NEPA Community Benefits Resource Fair

We'll have experts and information on:

- ✔ Community Solar
- ✔ Federal funding for home repairs
- ✔ So much more!

 Sunday, June 23
 11:00 am - 3:30 pm
 The Armory, East Stroudsburg



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NEPA Community Benefits Resource Fair

We understand the difficulties that many Pennsylvanians are facing these days when it comes to paying for basic needs like heat, water, and electricity. Fortunately, we are able to bring together a group of organizations and experts who can assist you with finding funding and support available to you!

[We will provide a day with local utility assistance, information from your local elected officials, and funding opportunities](#) such as from the Affordable Clean Energy Law.

WHAT: NEPA Community Benefits Resource Fair

WHEN: Sunday, June 23 from 11:00am to 3:30pm

WHERE: The Armory, 271 Washington Street, East Stroudsburg

Register:

FREE NEPA Community Benefits Resource Fair

Making History on Climate Action: Putting Federal Dollars to Work for Our Communities

The Inflation Reduction Act creates an historic opportunity to shape our future by tackling climate change and pollution, rapidly expanding our clean economy, creating good union jobs, and investing in disadvantaged communities.

On **Thursday, June 27, 2024** we'll cohost a virtual event so you can hear from special guest speakers on how this funding has benefitted families and communities across Pennsylvania!

We'll also provide an overview of the tax credits, benefits, and rebates available to you thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act's Clean Energy Funding.

Register Here:

IRA Clean Energy webinar



PennFuture's New Legal Interns

PennFuture's Legal and Policy team welcomes three interns for our Summer 2024 Legal Internship Program.

Andriana Vega is a rising third-year law student at Penn State Dickinson Law.

Jessica Staley is a rising third-year law student at St. John's University School of Law in Queens, NY.

Jasmine Gunning is a rising third-year law student at Penn State Law.

The legal interns will assist our attorneys with legal and policy research, memorandum drafting, policy analysis, comment drafting, and litigation support.

PennFuture's paid legal internship program started in 2020, and is supported by the Otto Haas Charitable Trust and the George and Miriam Martin Foundation. Through our legal internship program, we hope to give aspiring environmental attorneys from all walks of life the opportunity to work for a non-profit

organization and build a strong pipeline for environmental attorneys to establish careers in the Commonwealth.

Learn more about our summer interns and the program from the article below:

READ:

2024 Summer Legal Interns



Upcoming Events in PA

JUNETEENTH

Do you subscribe to the [Black Appalachian Coalition](#)'s newsletter? BLAC has put together a Juneteenth toolkit with history, stories, and events. [View the toolkit here.](#)

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16
Pittsburgh, PA [Juneteenth Celebration](#) presented by the City of Pittsburgh

Saturday, June 15 - **Pittsburgh, PA [Juneteenth Grant Jubilee Parade](#)** re-enacting events of 1870

Saturday, June 15 from 12pm-5pm
[NAACP's Juneteenth Celebration](#) at MLK Park in Wilkes-Barre

Saturday, June 15 - [18th Annual Philadelphia Juneteenth Festival](#)

Sunday, June 16 - [Philadelphia Juneteenth Parade and Music Festival](#)

Pride Month Events

[Carlisle Pride Events](#) Tuesday, June 4 - Saturday, June 8 throughout Carlisle, PA

[Lancaster Pride](#) - Saturday, June 15 at Lancaster County Convention Center

Wyoming's Summer Solstice Pride Gathering: Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Frances Slocum State Park

[York County Pride](#) - June 22 - All Trans Memorial Hall

NEPA PrideFest: Sunday, June 23, 2024 at Public Square, Wilkes-Barre

Pride on the Bay: Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Lawrence Pier, Erie.

Erie's Pride Parade: Sunday, June 30, 2024 starting at State Street to Perry Square.

[New Cumberland Pride Weekend](#) - July 22 - 23 - New Cumberland Borough Park

[Pride Festival of Central PA](#): Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Soldiers Grove, Harrisburg

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