



PennFuture Files Appeal of the RGGI Ruling

PennFuture and partners Clean Air Council, Sierra Club, and Environmental Defense Fund filed an appeal of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court's Ruling on the RGGI Rule, that blocked Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multi-state carbon emissions reduction program.

This appeal is separate from the Shapiro Administration's appeal. This appeal continues the groups' challenge to the Commonwealth Court's refusal to allow the environmental groups to intervene in the RGGI litigation

[Read our full statement here.](#)

PennFuture Senior Attorney Jessica O'Neill spoke with the Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Bucks County Beacon, and Argus Media on the appeal.



Lunch & Learn: RGGI Update

To learn more about PennFuture's RGGI appeal litigation, PennFuture & CVPA will host a virtual Lunch & Learn on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023** **12:00 PM - 12:30 PM ET**.

Our policy and legal experts will give an update on where PA stands with RGGI now and answer any questions you may have. [You may submit your questions directly to us.](#)

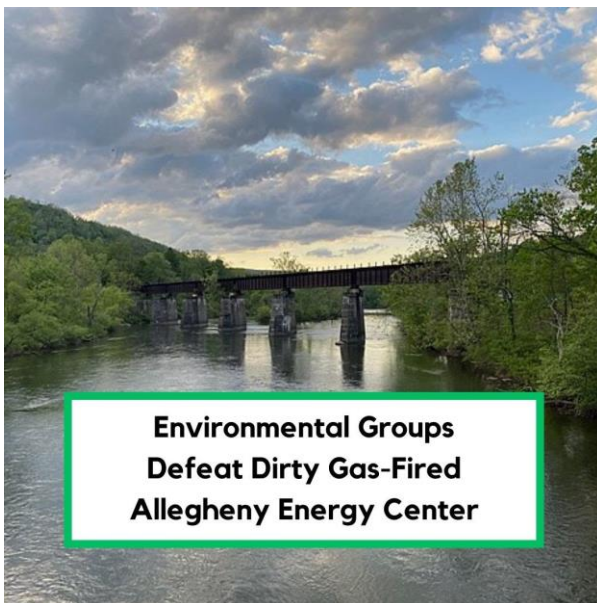


Mapping Climate Change

The USDA released the first update to its Plant Hardiness Zone Map in more than a decade, providing a stark, fullcolor depiction of the progress of climate change.

To get a deeper understanding on what this map shows for climate change in Pennsylvania, check out **PennFuture attorney Brigitte Meyer's** article "Mapping Climate Change" on our website.

Western PA Clean Air Victory!



PennFuture and partners defeated the dirty gas-fired Allegheny Energy Center. After years of litigation lead by **PennFuture's Senior Attorney Angela Kilbert**, Invenergy has abandoned its proposal to build the Allegheny Energy Center ("AEC") south of Pittsburgh in Elizabeth Township, PA.

Environmental Integrity Project, Clean Air Council, and PennFuture on behalf of CAC, PennFuture, and Mountain Watershed Association [challenged the legality of AEC's air permit](#). The gas fired power plant would have been one of the largest and most polluting in Pennsylvania, and would not have included any renewable energy despite the community's wishes.

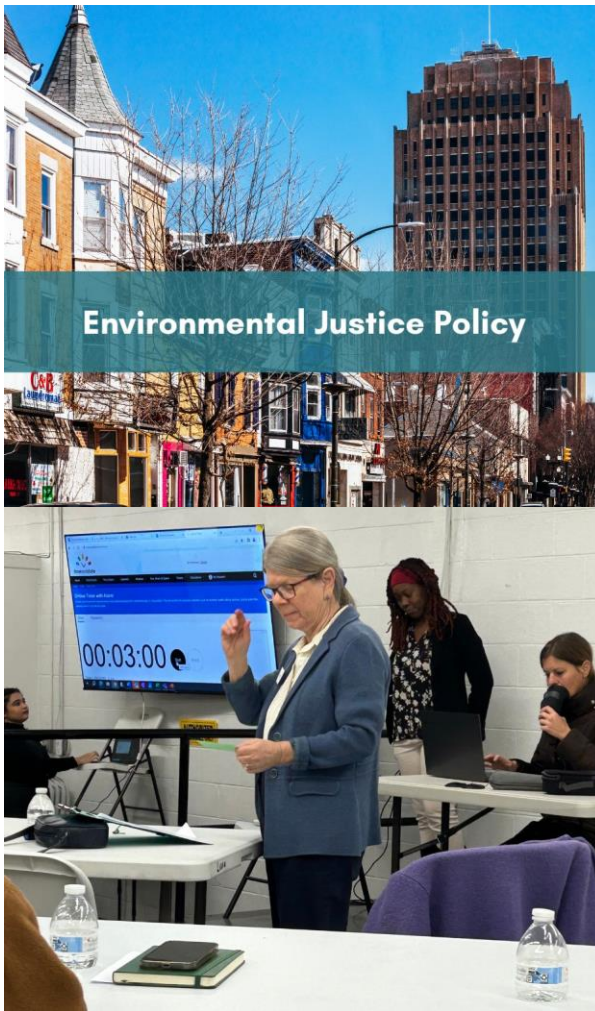


So Close To Our Giving Tuesday Goal!

PennFuture supporters came through during the week of Giving Tuesday to get us **less than \$3,000** from our fundraising goal of \$25,000!

When we achieve our \$25,000 milestone, our good friends at the Kentfields Foundation will award PennFuture **a \$75,000 grant** to support our work protecting local communities.

There is still time! We are inviting you to make a gift to help us raise the additional \$3,000 we need. Please share with your friends and family to help us raise these funds before December 31, 2023.



Environmental Justice Policy

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Public Comments for DEP's Environmental Justice Policy

Thank you to PennFuture members' emails that urged the DEP to host more in-person and virtual hearings on its EJ Policy.

Recently at an in-person Allentown public comment meeting, **PennFuture's Lehigh Valley Field Coordinator Maria Ocasio** spoke up on the policy:

“Not only does the policy fail to carry the full force of law, but it also fails to impart litigation or, more importantly, denial for projects that will continue to place undue pollution pressure on already overburdened communities. We therefore call upon the [Department of Environmental Protection] to step it up in their protection for environmental justice communities, such as Allentown.” — Maria Ocasio,



Pittsburgh Electric Vehicle Press Conference

PennFuture hosted an Electric Vehicle Inflation Reduction Act Investment Presser with PA state Rep. Dan Miller, who represents several suburbs in the South Hill, and members of the IBEW Local 5.

90.5 WESA (NPR) covered the event and quoted PennFuture's Campaigns Director Annie Regan on the economic and health benefits of EVs.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual: Celebrating Our Victories; Visioning What's Next to Build an Appalachia That's Good for Our Workers, Communities and Climate

Tuesday, January 16, 2023 and
Wednesday, January 17, 2023
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

This year, the conversation continues to focus around implementation efforts related to Congress' passage of a monumental federal climate infrastructure package as well as telling the story of its success in bringing back hope to a region long left behind.

[Register to attend](https://bit.ly/2024StrategySummit)

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