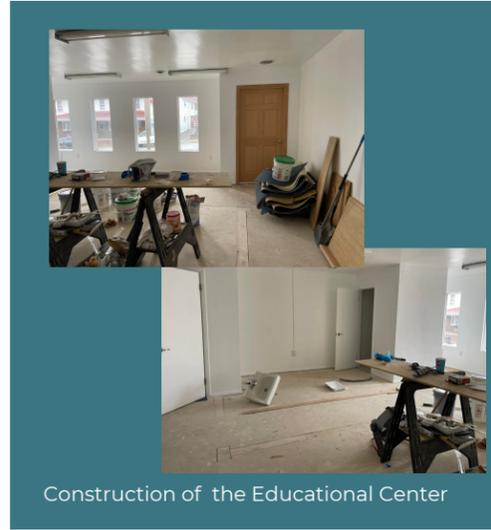


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NEW Environmental Education Center!

Protect PT's new Community Environmental Education Center will allow us to engage more residents and empower them with the knowledge they need to protect their health and hold our representatives accountable. The center will have an environmental resource library available to all. We will offer Home Resource Guide Workshops, a monthly talk about an environmental issue including radon training, tracking permits for new infrastructure, and much more. We are planning some educational programs for kids, as well as organizing a book club and film screenings. We will also allow other local groups to use our educational space.



Construction of the Educational Center

Education Center: Join us for a Grand Opening Celebration May 7th from 11-4! We're going to have a taco bar, entertainment, raffles and fun. Check out protectpt.org/events to see new events planned for the center.

Also, enjoy the warmer weather with the Pleasant Valley Park Walk on April 24th @ 11 am.

7th Anniversary of Protect PT

Thank you all for being a part of Protect PT! Because of members and supporters like you, in the last 7 years, we have launched radon, air, and noise monitoring programs, held hundreds of educational workshops, webinars, and learning experiences to train community members to advocate for stronger protections to our safety, security and quality of life from the impacts of industrial harm.

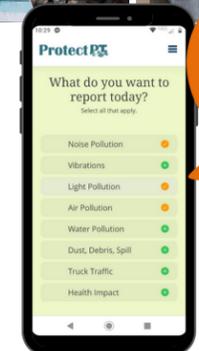


Mobile App

The myriad of impacts from environmental pollution can easily go unreported. Our mobile app makes reporting pollution easy!

Report anytime at report.protectpt.org.

Residents have already used this app to file complaints about the impacts from well pad development, injection wells, and harms from sites around the Pittsburgh region.



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Fracking in your Backyard

Studies show that fracking can contaminate groundwater, release air pollution and can cause many quality of life and health impacts. Fracking waste is particularly harmful as wastewater can contain toxic chemical pollutants. Local landfills, including Valley Landfill and Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill, receive drill cuttings and solid fracking waste. This causes problems with leachate and radium 226 and 228.

- **Penn Township:** Fracking began at the Gaia Well Pad located off Denmark Manor Road in September 2021. Though our mobile app, we have received complaints of noise disturbance and air pollution, and we have conducted noise and air studies at residences around the well pad. The construction on the access road at Metis has begun, as well.
- **Olympus Energy** proposed the Aphrodite Well Pad off Wilderness Road. Protect PT is participating on behalf of residents who were impacted by the nearby Poseidon Well Pad. The hearings have been scheduled for the second Thursday every month since January.
- **Rostraver:** Olympus Energy proposed the Hera Well Pad in Rostraver Township. Residents reached out to us for guidance on participating in the local hearing process. Protect PT is mentoring Rostraver residents as they learn about all the impacts from this new fracking site.
- **Plum:** Although the second Plum injection well was approved by the Plum Borough Zoning Hearing Board, Plum Borough and Protect PT are appealing. This is a unique case since the Borough is appealing the decision of their own zoning hearing board. Residents have spoken out about impacts from the current Plum Injection Well. A nearby resident said at a press conference in March, *"I am concerned for my and my family's health. We will always be concerned about the probability that our water may be contaminated."*
- **Upper Burrell:** The Rodgers Compressor Station is planned for Upper Burrell. Protect PT is doing monitoring around the compressor station to get baseline data at a local beekeeper's house.



If you are interested in monitoring, please contact Christina@protectpt.org.

Waste Barging on Three Rivers

Together with our partners *Three Rivers Waterkeeper* and others in the PA/OH/WV region, we submitted a petition with over 15,750 signatures to the U.S. Coast Guard asking them to not allow the barging of toxic fracking waste on the three rivers (Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio) due to the high risk of water contamination. Many communities depend on the rivers for their drinking water. We continue to educate the public on these important issues and monitor for any new permits.



Time to Update PT's Ordinance?

Penn Township established the current oil and gas ordinance back in 2016. Since then, more studies have come out and residents have seen the impacts of oil and gas development close to their homes. In January, we began meeting with residents and working through drafting an update to the ordinance that includes some key measures to protect residents' health, safety, and rights. If you are a Penn Township resident, ask your Commissioner today to update the ordinance and add additional protections for your community. If you would like to learn more about how to get involved, contact: **Jim Cirilano, Community Advocate, james@protectpt.org**.

ReImagine Turtle Creek Progress

ReImagine Turtle Creek continues to expand the Food System's backyard garden program. This year we are planting gardens in 12 backyards! The backyard garden program emphasizes the importance of community access to healthy, fresh produce, and pollinator-friendly places. Stay tuned for the second-annual *Get Down for Gardens* benefit concert (in-person this June!). Learn more about TCWAC's monthly programming and projects at reimagineTCWAC.org.



Volunteers planted seeds for ReImagine Food Systems early spring season, but some garlic plants remain from last year.

Home Resource Guide Trainings

Have you attended a Home Resource Guide Class? We're holding in-person workshops this year on what you need to know about living near oil and gas development. If you are interested in attending the live sessions, you can learn more and sign up at protectpt.org/hrg-workshops.

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