You asked, and we’ve delivered! We are introducing a burst of color to your wardrobe with our “We Speak for the Trees” shirt, which is now available in green, peach, and magenta. Our collection has expanded to include stylish tote bags, drawstring bags, dad hats, adorable pet bandanas, and more! Dive into our captivating merchandise selection today at protectpt.org/shop.

Your support fuels our mission!

For a list of all upcoming events, please visit protectpt.org/events.
Wins against Oil & Gas Injection Wells

In Fayette County, home to Fallingwater and the Laurel Highlands, Protect PT helped our partners at Mountain Watershed Association organize grassroots resistance to a fracking waste injection well proposed by a corporation called G2 Stem. Our analysis showed that the proposed well would have contaminated private water wells and the Monongahela River.

We met with local leaders to educate them on the dangers of injection wells. Unified local resistance forced the company to withdraw its application on August 4th. Fayette County is now drafting legislation, based on Protect PT’s model ordinance, that will protect residents from future injection wells.

Municipal Sustainability Project

Protect PT’s new initiative, “Green Dreams: Grant Writing for a Sustainable Future,” is set to empower municipalities, towns, and cities in Westmoreland and Eastern Allegheny Counties to secure federal funding for climate-friendly projects.

With no cost involved thanks to support from the Rural Climate Partnership, this project, spearheaded by Laura Vincenti, offers assistance in crafting federal grant applications and technical guidance for green initiatives such as clean school bus programs, solar panel installations, weatherization, and more. With the opportunity to tap into federal dollars from key acts like the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Protect PT aims to help communities thrive economically and environmentally. Join us in this journey to make Westmoreland and Eastern Allegheny Counties pioneers in clean energy and sustainability.

For more information, contact Laura Vincenti at laura@protectpt.org and stay tuned for enlightening community learning sessions on the impact of successful green projects.

University of Pittsburgh Study

On August 15, researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Department of Health made a significant announcement regarding the health impacts of fracking. Their research, based on data from thousands of individuals, revealed a strong connection between fracking and lymphoma, as well as asthma. People living near fracking well pads were found to have 5-7 times higher rates of lymphoma.

Fracking at Sedat 4A Plum Boro Advocacy

Protect PT advocated against the permitting of an additional injection well in Plum Boro at the same site as the Sedat 4A well. We, along with Plum Borough Council, have appealed the grant of the permit to the Commonwealth Court. Health risks related to this proposed injection well include drinking water contamination, as well as quality of life concerns such as heavy truck traffic and noise pollution. The oral argument will be on October 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the Pittsburgh City-County Building, 8th Floor. We want to stop this polluter. If you would like to support us in this effort, we encourage you to attend! Sign up at protectpt.info/ordinance.

Living Near Shale Gas Community Workshop

Protect PT is dedicated to educating residents of communities affected by oil and gas activities through our ongoing Living Near Shale Gas workshop series. These workshops aim to provide valuable information on the health, safety, and financial implications associated with such activities. We plan to continue hosting these workshops for the foreseeable future. If you have concerns about oil and gas dangers in your community or would like to schedule a workshop for your community, please reach out to Francisco, our Community Organizer at francisco@protectpt.org. The planned dates and communities for this year are: October 7 Lower Burrell and November 11 Penn Township. Sign up at protectpt.info/ming.