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Welcome to the December issue of the Delaware County Environmental Clearinghouse newsletter, which brings you local and national environmental news and events. As of now, the newsletter is being sent to the leaders of the Delaware County environmental organizations. We urge you to forward the newsletters to your members so they can sign up for it as well. *The Clearinghouse Team.*

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## Organization of the Month: Solarize Delco

*By Jodine Mayberry for the Clearinghouse*

Got Sun? Solarize Delco can help you get solar panels for your roof. It is a non-profit, volunteer organization that advises Delaware Countians on whether their roofs are suitable for solar panels and how to go about

getting them. If a roof is suitable, the group will then help the homeowner learn about how to go about getting solar panels, how much they typically cost, how much they're going to recover in cost savings over the long run and how to find a solar installer.

The organization was founded by four Haverford homeowners and members of the township's Environmental Advisory Committee. They are Melissa Romano, Peter Puglionesi, Noel Smyth and Mike Scheller. They are all users of solar panels and electric vehicles.

**“We have a passion to conserve resources, protect our planet, and educate others to provide a sustainable future for us and future generations,”** the group says on its website <https://solarizedelco.org>.

Before getting started on a solar panel project, Solarize Delco asks that you watch its 10-minute YouTube video, [Solarize Delco in 10 Minutes](#) and set up a call with its volunteers with any questions you may have. That can be done on its website. [Read more...](#)

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## **[EPA Begins Final Phase of Haverford Superfund Site Cleanup](#)**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency unveiled its latest – and hopefully last – remediation effort at the Havertown Superfund Site on Nov. 19, aimed at collecting contaminants that have flowed deep underground from the original site.

Nearly everything else at the site, established in 1983, including the original site, National Wood Preservers; Philadelphia Chewing Gum factory, Naylor's Run Creek, and contamination that rose to the surface at several homes on Rittenhouse Circle, have been remediated. Most of the land has been reused, including for the Haverford YMCA. [Read more...](#)

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## **[World Won't Be Able to Cope with Plastic Volume in 10 Years](#)**

**The Guardian – Nov. 24, 2024**

The world will be “unable to cope” with the sheer volume of plastic waste a decade from now unless countries agree to [curbs on production](#), the co-chair of a coalition of key countries has warned ahead of crunch talks on curbing global plastic pollution. [Read more...](#)



## **[International Plastics Pollution Talks Collapse as Oil States Rebel](#)**

**BBC – Dec. 1, 2024**

Countries have failed to reach a landmark agreement on tackling plastic pollution after more than two years of negotiations. More than 200 nations met in South Korea for what was meant to be a final round of talks. But deep divisions remained between a group of nearly 100 "high ambition" countries calling for plastic to be phased out and oil-producing nations who warned this would affect the world's development. "The objective of this treaty is to end plastic pollution not plastic itself, plastic has brought immense benefit to societies worldwide," said the Kuwait negotiators in the final hours. [Read more...](#)

## **[Delco Woods a Go](#)**

**Delaware County Daily Times – Nov. 21, 2024**

Delaware County has agreed to drop its litigation against Marple Township regarding Delco Woods, the former Don Guanella tract, as it moves forward with steps to turn it into a county park. [Read more...](#)





## [Is Removing Carbon from the Air a Climate Cure or Waste of Money?](#)

The incoming Trump administration will have a say in whether federally backed direct air capture projects in Louisiana move forward

**Floodlight – Dec. 2, 2024**

After fighting oil, gas and petrochemical expansion in southwest Louisiana for more than 50 years, retired biologist Michael Tritico might be expected to applaud a new facility that promises to suck carbon dioxide out of the air to reduce global warming. But that's not how Tritico sees the U.S. Department of Energy-backed direct air capture facilities proposed for Calcasieu and Caddo parishes. “The political locking-in of Southwest Louisiana as a fossil fuel centerpiece has taken on a new facet — carbon capture and sequestration,” Tritico said of the facilities, collectively called Project Cypress, announced last year.

His concerns haven't diminished since that announcement. Tritico was one of the few residents who attended a DOE environmental scoping meeting for the project Nov. 21 in Vinton, where one of the two parts of the project would be sited. Another meeting was held a day earlier in Shreveport, close to the other location for the sprawling \$1 billion project. Unlike technology on industrial facilities that captures carbon from a plant's emissions, direct air capture (DAC) sucks in ambient air and uses chemicals and heat, among other means, to extract carbon dioxide from it. [Read more...](#)

## [Clean Energy Grows Steadily Across Administrations](#)

**Canary Media — Nov. 28, 2024**

Look at wind and solar growth over the last 20 years. You can't tell where a Democratic administration ends and a Republican administration begins. [Read more...](#)

Follow [Climate.gov](https://www.climate.gov) for a one-stop government site for climate news, information, features and maps monitoring climate change around the world.

## [Cities, States Need More Help Replacing Lead Pipes](#)

PA Capital Star — Nov. 26, 2024

A new federal rule will require water utilities across the country to pull millions of lead drinking water pipes out of the ground and replace them, at a cost of billions of dollars. States, cities and water utilities agree that the lead pipes need to go to ensure safe water for residents. But they say they may struggle to do so in the 10-year window required under the rule, and they fear some ratepayers will be hit with massive cost increases to pay for the work. [Read more...](#)



## [Northeast Labor Unions Want Faster Build of Offshore Wind Farms](#)

Canary Media – Nov. 26, 2024

A [new report](#) by a coalition of unions across Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts calls for the states to raise their ambitions for offshore wind. The region has little space for solar farms or onshore wind turbines, but its productive winds and relatively shallow waters have made it an appealing target for offshore wind development. [Read More...](#)



## [Clean Energy Projects Stalling for Lack of Financing – a Chart](#)

Canary Media – Nov. 22, 2024

Around 700 facilities for making low-carbon materials and fuels are in development or are operating globally. Collectively, the projects promise to slash emissions from some of the world's dirtiest sectors. But countries aren't moving nearly fast enough to get most of these facilities online, according to [the latest data](#) from the Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA) and Mission Possible Partnership (MPP). [Read More...](#)

# How green industrial projects are shaping up globally



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**[TAKE ACTION! Delaware Riverkeepers Network Calls on Basin Commission to Take Climate Change Action](#)**

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