



Clean Energy

This year saw growth in clean energy advocacy with PennFuture’s leadership on addressing Pennsylvania’s energy affordability crisis. Beginning in March 2025, we hosted a series of educational webinars, including *Why Is My Energy Bill So High?*, to raise awareness on problems within our energy grid operator PJM Interconnection’s capacity market and the solutions available to state lawmakers to bring down energy prices. With our strategic partner Conservation Voters of PA, we hosted a powerful **Lobby Day for the Environment** event on September 29, 2025 in Harrisburg, where **49 volunteers and 27 of our joint staff held 61 meetings** with state lawmakers to advance renewable energy, clean water, and government accountability legislation.

Advocacy

19 oral testimonies and 13 written testimonials and 10 public comments in 2025 on energy and water issues, including on PJM energy market failures, the EPA’s Methane Rule, and the Data Center Act.

We engaged more environmental advocates! 1,543 people became action takers this year! More than 20,000 messages were sent to legislators and agencies on issues ranging from demanding price transparency from our power grid operator and protecting exceptional value waterways, to stopping a bad net metering amendment that would harm solar adoption.

We gave over 60 presentations at conferences, summits, press conferences, classroom or faith group talks, webinars, and rallies all over the state on varying topics such as clean water funding to solar policy.



Legal Actions

In June 2025, **PennFuture’s Legal Team launched the Legal Environment Advocacy Fund (LEAF)**, dedicated to supporting our legal team’s efforts to stand up to polluters, enforce environmental laws, and champion the rights of communities on the front lines of environmental harm. The LEAF fund raised more than \$158,700 in 2025!



5 legal wins including the expedited removal of cryptomining facility Scrubgrass Reclamation Company’s unpermitted coal ash pile near the Allegheny River in Venango County and upholding a court decision to reject a large distribution center developer’s request to build on the banks of Tobyhanna Creek in Coolbaugh Township. We also filed **7 new legal actions** including challenging the air permit granted to the Homer City fracked gas power plant construction to fuel a massive AI data center complex.



Legislative

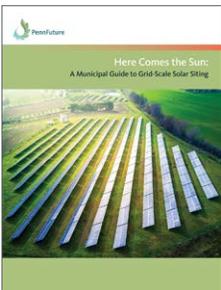
With the Trump Administration’s EPA and Energy Department rolling back key environmental protections, PennFuture’s Legal Team is involved in several lawsuits to prevent harmful executive orders and agency directives. We challenged the Department of Energy’s mandate to keep the aging gas power plant Eddystone Generating Station open past its planned closing and are challenging the air permit granted to the Homer City gas power plant construction for an AI data center.

Legislative movement! In the Pennsylvania state budget, we secured a landmark \$25 million investment for the first year of **Solar for Schools**, followed by an additional \$25 million commitment for 2025–2026. We also built momentum on key initiatives including **Solar-Ready Warehouses**, **greater transparency at our regional grid operator PJM**, and **Community Energy**.



Resources

3 new powerful resources — PennFuture was busy developing practical tools like the **Solar Municipal Guidebook**, a popular **YouTube Data Center video series**, and a **Data Center Model Ordinance** for municipalities to better prepare for data center development proposals.



Media

101 original media mentions that included national news items in *Mother Jones*, *Bloomberg Law*, and the *Kindred* podcast. **37 statements** issued on climate and environment actions and issues. We also grew all of our social media accounts — with a huge **520.5% increase in followers** on TikTok and **14.3% increase** in followers on Instagram.

Growth & Engagement

We expanded our team with **5 new full-time staff members!** The growth in our Western PA Office led to more in-person events and volunteer training sessions, culminating in a huge clean air victory in Allegheny County with the passage of the Air Permit Fee Increase on industries to pay their fair share for the pollution they create.

14 Civic Engagement events were hosted by PennFuture in 2025, including Courts Education workshops in Bethlehem and Pittsburgh to help residents better understand our courts and how judicial elections shape our communities!

Did you know you can become a **sustaining donor** by contributing monthly?

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Coming up for 2026

PennFuture with CVPA continues its advocacy for solutions to the energy affordability crisis by announcing the Pennsylvania Energy Affordability Agenda in January 2026 detailing legislative priorities to bring down energy prices.

The big event for 2026 will be the PennFuture Energy Dialogue on June 4, 2026 in Hershey with keynote speaker David Roberts, host and writer of the Volts podcast and newsletter.

