

July 2017 News for Conservation

RAIR has set its date for the 2017 Trash Bash

It's going to be Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Below is a link to the details.

<http://rairphilly.org/2017trashbash>

Story of the ubiquitous nature of plastic:

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/north-county/sd-no-plastic-study-20170724-story.html>

Another take on the same study:

<https://www.axios.com/most-of-the-plastic-produced->

this is about a bipartisan effort to extend renewable energy projects on to public lands.

<https://wilderness.org/press-release/house-begin-markup-renewable-energy-bill-today>

It seems that the best way to end pipeline expansion is to provide a viable alternative. To that end, I have been searching the internet for articles about just that. They are few and far between. But here is one that illustrates what can be done and the logic that goes into the process. It's occurring in Illinois, but can be used here in PA as well. For example, at the very end of the article, the following is written:

“And according to Fulton, retraining in the solar industry is more along the lines of taking an already established skill set and learning how to use it in a new way. Electricians, for instance, are in great demand in the industry...

“If we get it right then people really do have an opportunity, not just for a job, and not just for a solar panel, but for security, resiliency and a career. I think we are setting on the precipice of something exciting. Illinois is poised to build a fairly substantial solar and wind economy in the state,” Mackie said.

“Illinois Solar Energy board member and project developer at Straight Up Solar Brent Ritzel said the strength of future energy jobs partly relies on the knowledge of the past.

“We need the benefit of the coal industry’s institutional knowledge of energy. They are energy industry people in an industry that is evolving and we need to include them in the future of renewable energy. It will make us stronger,” Ritzel said.”

http://thesouthern.com/news/local/renewable-energy-conference-focuses-on-job-creation/article_54732494-ace2-5a29-879d-1c6672044ad3.htm