Featured website: Explore Shale

An exploration of natural gas drilling and development in the Marcellus Shale

Explore Shale is a beautifully created site explaining the science surrounding the Marcellus Shale, a geologic formation of shale rock buried under parts of Pennsylvania, New York, and West Virginia, USA. Although its visual layout is what immediately grabs the eye and makes it unique, the site's content, provided by expert sources from several universities and research institutions, is concise and clear, providing a balanced account of the processes involved in the extraction of shale gas. For visitors who are keen to skip the visuals, the site also includes a glossary and text-only section at the bottom of the diagram. The project is funded by the Colcom Foundation, a Pennsylvania-based environmental charity.

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