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**EHP Hires Deputy Director Dooling and Environmental Data Scientist Deron**

**McMURRAY, PA, July 6, 2020** – The Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project (EHP) announces the hiring of new Deputy Director **Patrick Dooling** and Environmental Data Scientist **Nathan Deron**.

**Patrick Dooling** comes to EHP from the Colorado-based Western Slope Conservation Center, which he joined in 2016. As executive director, he led the organization's efforts to build grassroots support to protect and enhance Colorado's iconic landscapes and watersheds. Prior to transitioning to a career in environmental conservation, Mr. Dooling worked as a petroleum geologist and project manager in Houston, TX. He received his Bachelor of Science in Geosciences from Penn State University and his Master of Science in Geology from the University of Utah. He studied a wide array of geological sciences, including volcanology in Iceland, earthquake geology on major faults in Southern California, and sedimentology in southern Utah.

**Nathan Deron** earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh and his master's degree in Public Policy, Management, and Data Analytics from Carnegie Mellon University. While completing his master's, Mr. Deron worked with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services to investigate novel interventions for frequent utilizers of emergency services in Allegheny County. He also worked with 412 Food Rescue to develop a new model of food recovery to address rural hunger in Greene County, PA. Before attending Carnegie Mellon, Mr. Deron spent three years at City of Asylum working to provide sanctuary to persecuted writers from around the world, including managing the Alphabet City performance venue.

**About Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project**

*The [Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project](http://SouthwestPennsylvaniaEnvironmentalHealthProject.org) (EHP) is a nonprofit public health organization that defends public health in the face of oil and gas development. We provide frontline communities with timely monitoring, interpretation and guidance. We engage diverse stakeholders: health professionals, researchers, community organizers, public servants, and others. We do so because knowledge protects health.*