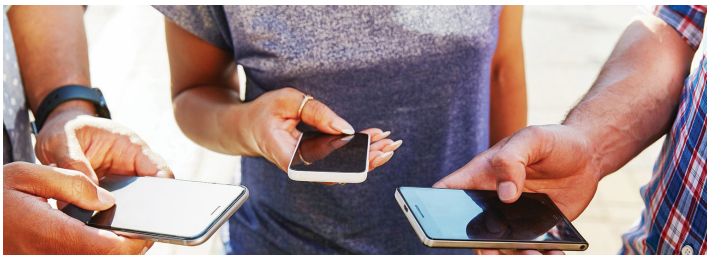


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## POWERING HAZLENUT

What to expect from one of NEPA’s largest data centers



NorthPoint Development plans a 15-building data center for 1,250 acres it has purchased surrounding the planned Tomhicken substation on a proposed PPL power line in Hazle Twp. near the Sugarloaf Twp. border. JASON ARDAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Kent Jackson  
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A company that develops property nationwide has spent \$23 million to acquire land in greater Hazleton, where it already has built a 1-million-square foot warehouse and plans one of the region’s largest data centers.

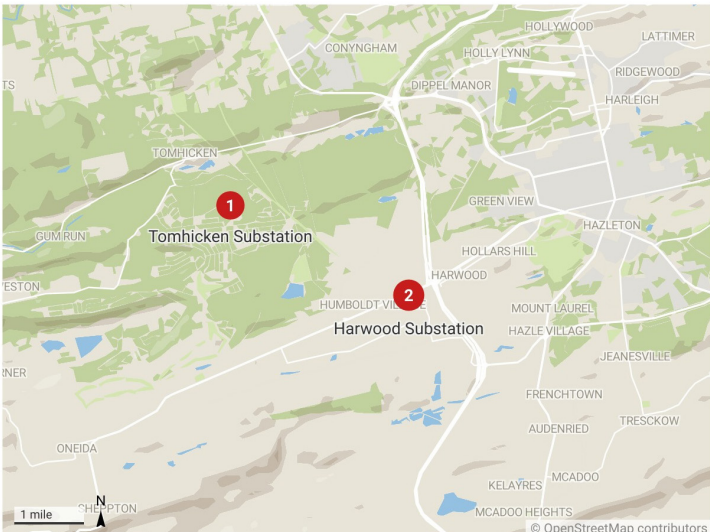
NorthPoint Development of Kansas City, Missouri wants to construct a data center that would abut Eagle Rock Resort, use enough electricity to serve 90,000 homes from an unpopular high-voltage line and cool equipment with millions of gallons of sewer water.

Tax breaks that NorthPoint received from local governments have sparked opposition, as has PPL’s plan to electrify the data center from a 500-kilovolt line, which is the subject of a town hall meeting that three state lawmakers are hosting at Hazleton Area High School on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Nationally, NorthPoint has

### Project Hazlenut

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developed industrial buildings in 27 states, opened 37 data centers in 18 states and built seven multi-family housing sites around Kansas City and another outside

Cincinnati, Ohio. The privately held company is developing a data center for Amazon Web Services in Bucks County.

In Northeast Pennsylvania,

NorthPoint has 16 properties, mostly in Hanover Twp., Ashley and Nanticoke, including the Chewy, DHL and Wise Foods sites, according to the company’s website. The company has three properties in Jessup, Lackawanna County and two in Schuylkill County, including Mountain Valley Logistics, 2166 Burma Road, Barnesville.

NorthPoint’s warehouse at 450 E. Arthur Gardner Highway in Hazleton created hundreds of construction and permanent jobs and launched a multi-phase investment of \$105 million in southern Luzerne County, company spokesperson Natasha Rickel said. Because of non-disclosure agreements, Rickel said in an email that NorthPoint couldn’t answer questions about how many jobs the data center would create, who NorthPoint is building the data center for or plans the company has for developing other land, including properties near residential areas.

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## Man killed along Route 61 in Deer Lake

PSP: Struck while attempting to restart broken down vehicle

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A man was killed along Route 61 in Deer Lake on Sunday when he was struck while standing on the highway attempting to restart his broken down vehicle.

Eduard Barcenas-Moncada, 58, of Shenandoah, had been driving south when his small SUV broke down in the left lane shortly after 4 p.m., according to state police.

Troopers gave this account: Barcenas-Moncada got out of the SUV, opened the hood, and was attempting to restart the vehicle while standing in front of it in the lane of travel.

Inside the vehicle was one passenger, Consuelo Barcenas, 21, of Shenandoah.

Also driving south on Route 61

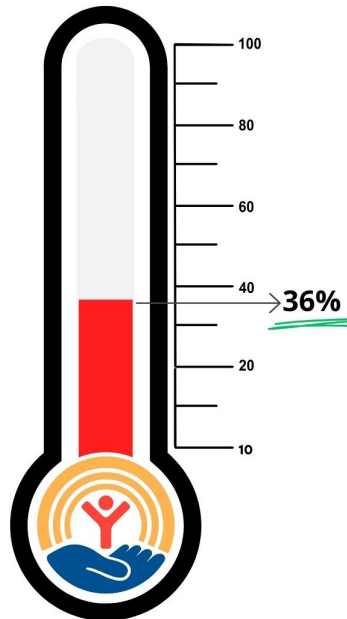
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## DNA evidence found near scene of Charlie Kirk’s shooting matches suspect, FBI director says

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OREM, Utah — DNA on a towel wrapped around a rifle found near where conservative activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated matched

that of the 22-year-old accused in the killing, FBI Director Kash Patel said on Monday.

Investigators also have used DNA evidence to link the suspect, Tyler Robinson, with a screwdriver recovered from the rooftop where the fatal shot was

fired, Patel said Monday on the Fox News show “Fox & Friends.”

Authorities in Utah are preparing to file capital murder charges against Robinson as early as Tuesday in the killing of Kirk, a dominant figure in conservative politics who became a confidant of Presi-

dent Donald Trump after founding Arizona-based Turning Point USA, one of the nation’s largest political organizations.

Kirk, who brought young, conservative evangelical Chris-

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\*Caregiver who is responsible for the provision of care to maintain the physical and mental health of a functionally dependent older adult or older adult suffering from chronic dementia or a disability

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