

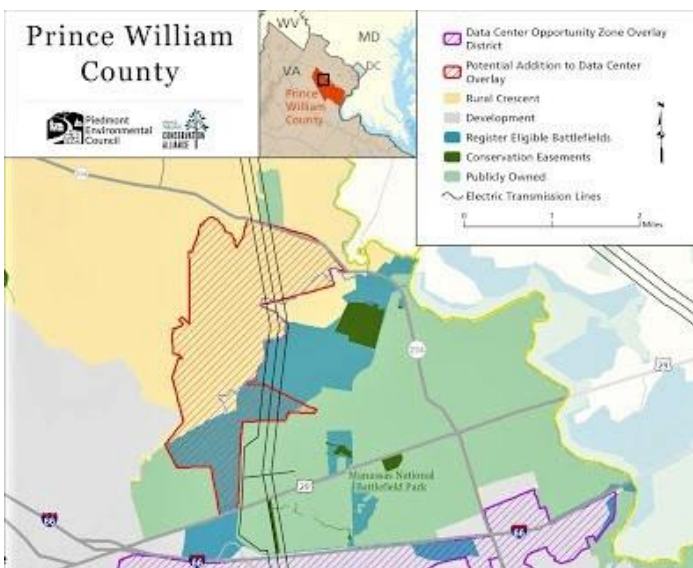
Help Protect Prince William County's Last Remaining Rural Area and Watershed Lands – The “Rural Crescent”

What Every County Resident Needs to Know About the County's Proposed Industrial Data Center Development Scheme

The Prince William County Board of Supervisors is hungry to create sweet deals for data center developers. They say that data centers are a magical answer to increasing tax revenue. But are dozens, maybe hundreds, of new data centers in the wrong places really such a great deal for the County residents? Or - will they create blight and financial and environmental headaches for years to come as they are doing in Loudoun County?

In March of 2022, the Board of County Supervisors will vote to change the comprehensive plan to make room for unprecedented development of industrial data centers. This will include creating a new (3.5 square mile) industrial zone on the western edge of Manassas National Battlefield Park. Shown in red outline in this map.

Here are some things the County is NOT telling its residents:



Data Centers will industrialize and pave-over portions of the County's last remaining rural lands – they are not just there for their good looks. They are essential to northern Virginia water supplies and drinking water.

There is already a large designated data center zone between I-66 and the Manassas Airport – It has room for plenty of new data centers.

The proposed Digital Gateway will make it easier to establish a new high-volume cross-county truck route – a new four-lane highway serving Loudoun County and Dulles Airport will see 2,000 trips turn to 27,000 trips a day (see map below).

Data centers in our rural areas will destroy important Civil War sites and areas that represent African America heritage – these areas have been undisturbed in the ground (including gravesites) for years but the norm for data centers to tear up the ground and then pave it over.

Data centers are not neighborhood-friendly! They generate noise, are security risks, require bright night-time lighting, cause water pollution from chemicals and run off, deplete groundwater, can induce local flooding, increase traffic and more.

You can help!

Tell your PW County Supervisors to focus on the existing Data Center Opportunity Zone and leave the Rural Crescent rural. Here is how to contact the supervisors:

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