

Help Protect Prince William County's Last Remaining Rural Area and Watershed Lands

The "Rural Crescent"

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?

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 – Rural land isn't just there for its good looks. The rural areas of the county 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 Pageland Lane Data Center application – 'Digital Gateway' - will make it easier to establish a new high-volume cross-county truck route – 'Bi-County Parkway/Outer Beltway': a new four-lane highway serving Loudoun County and Dulles Airport will see 2,000 trips turn into 27,000 trips a day (see map below).

Data centers in our rural areas and next to the Manassas Battlefield National Park will destroy important Civil War sites, African American and Native American heritage – these areas have been undisturbed in the ground (including gravesites) for years, but the norm is for data centers to tear up the ground and then pave it over.

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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