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Ms. Ann Wheeler, Chair
Prince William County Board of Supervisors
1 County Complex Court
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Subject: Manassas National Battlefield

Dear Chair Wheeler

I am writing to you on behalf of Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg, Inc. We ask your support to preserve the integrity of the Rural Crescent farmlands and Manassas National Battlefield by turning down the Prince William Digital Gateway Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

In solidarity with our sister organization, Bull Run Civil War Round Table, we too voice our grave concerns over the potential development of Prince William County's Rural Crescent for data centers or other industrial uses. Resulting ecological damage to adjacent historic property will degrade viewshed of both Conway Robinson Memorial State Forest and Manassas National Battlefield to the detriment of the hundreds of thousands of annual park visitors. Further study is needed to assess impacts to air and water quality before any changes in zoning should be considered.

Ma'am, more battles were fought in Virginia than in any other state during the Civil War. We frequently work with land owners and developers to find ways to save these hallowed grounds for current and future generations. Our National Military Park Service, battlefield preservation organizations, and living history events do a superb job of educating Americans about a very difficult time in our history. Our battlefield sites are visited every day by people who want to learn what happened and why. Please keep an open mind when voting on the Prince William Digital Gateway Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Don't underestimate the value and importance of preserving Virginia's hallowed grounds as a legacy for future generations.

I Am, Your Obedient Servant,

Roger L. Leturno

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President

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