



# CASE INFORMATION

## Lawsuit to protect Manassas Battlefield

2021

Deep-pocketed developer seeks rezoning for massive data center development called Prince William Digital Gateway. Potential 37 eight-story buildings next door to Manassas Battlefield.

Public and county pleas to deny the request include the Trust plus Prince William County professional staff, planning commission, hundreds of citizens, National Park Service, and historic preservation groups.

12/2023

Prince William County Board of Supervisors approves three rezonings despite public opposition and flawed public notice. Violation of Virginia Code.

Unfortunately, this is a local government decision.  
No federal or state-wide oversight of historic properties.

11/21/2024

Trust joined nine local citizens to stop construction. Six other conservation organizations joined the case through a "friend of the court" filing.

10/31/2024

In our case, the judge held a hearing on the defendants' demurrers. Ruled in favor of the defendants while making determinations of fact that were not appropriate for a demurrer hearing.

8/7/2025

Oak Valley Homeowners Association parallel lawsuit was ruled in favor of the plaintiff, saying the Board of Supervisors improperly approved the rezoning. The judge cited insufficient review of the proposed development, inadequate notice given to public, and unlawful waivers of key analyses.



More to come....this isn't over!!



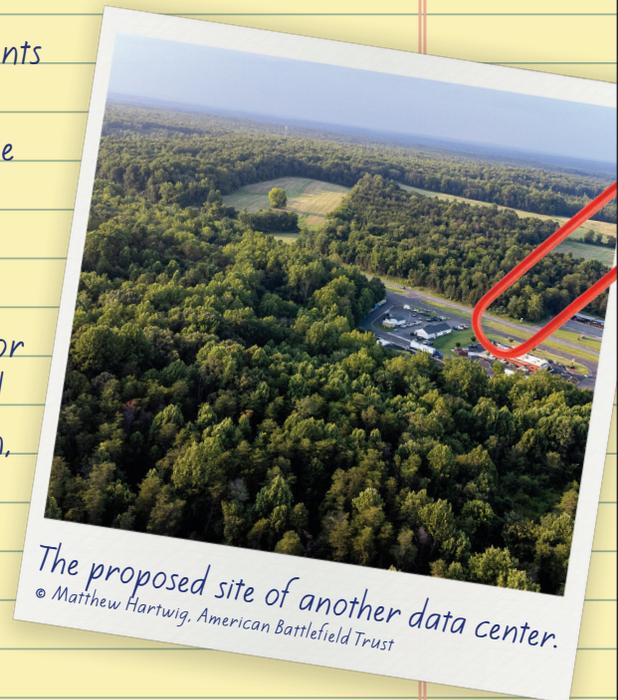
# Lawsuit to save Wilderness Battlefield from being forever destroyed

5/24/2023 A rezoning is filed for thousands of acres of residential, commercial, and industrial development, including data centers and distribution warehouses at the gateway to the Wilderness Battlefield. This will forever mar the 1864 battlefield and its landscape.

5/2023 The Trust files suit, along with Central Virginia Battlefield Trust, Inc., Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, and nearby homeowners, over Orange County's secretive and unlawful zoning process.

3/21/25 Circuit Court of Orange County heard arguments surrounding a motion filed by Orange County, its Board of Supervisors, and the owners of the Wilderness Crossing site that sought to throw out the case.

The Judge ruled decisively in the plaintiffs' favor on the matter of two amicus curiae briefs filed by the National Parks Conservation Association, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks, as well as the Piedmont Environmental Council, in support of the lawsuit. Both briefs will be admitted into the case's official record.



The proposed site of another data center.  
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Circuit court rejected the attempts by Orange County and the developers of the Wilderness Crossing project to throw out the case. Of the seven counts filed by the Trust and its partners, the judge dismissed three but allowed four to proceed. The remaining counts challenge the rezoning as having been approved in violation of Virginia law governing rezoning processes, public hearings, and the equal taxation of land.

