



May 11, 2021

Prince William Board of County Supervisors  
1 County Complex Court  
Prince William, VA 22192

Re: Development Impacts on Manassas National Battlefield Park

Dear Board Members:

The Prince William County Historical Commission makes recommendations to you, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, in its ongoing efforts to identify, preserve, protect and promote Prince William County's historical sites, artifacts, buildings and events.

During its regularly scheduled meeting on March 9, 2021, the Historical Commission discussed the proposed PWC Digital Gateway as reported in the Prince William Times on March 2, 2021. Additionally, at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2021, the Historical Commission revisited its position regarding this proposal.

Upon further consideration, the Historical Commission desires to voice its opposition to any non-residential development adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park, such as data centers, industrial uses and large-scale commercial ventures, that may directly or indirectly negatively impact battlefield resources.

The Historical Commission noted this project is in the Manassas Battlefield National Register Historic District and adjacent to the Manassas National Battlefield Park, a division of the National Park Service. This proposed project will have negative direct impacts on battlefield land in the National Register district where Union and Confederate soldiers fought, were injured and killed. The Historical Commission is also concerned about potential unmarked soldier burials on proposed data center land.

Additionally, the Historical Commission is concerned about visual and auditory impacts from proposed data centers, electrical substations and, if warranted, additional high-voltage electrical transmission lines on the experience of visitors in Manassas National Battlefield Park and loss of integrity to the overall National Register District.

Finally, the Historical Commission appreciates previous actions by the Board of County Supervisors classifying Manassas National Battlefield Park as a County Registered Historic Site.

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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (703) 580-7267 or via email at [kbrace@aol.com](mailto:kbrace@aol.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimball Brace", written in a cursive style.

Kimball (Kim) Brace  
Chairman, Historical Commission

cc: Christopher E. Martino, County Executive  
Rebecca Horner, Deputy County Executive  
Parag Agrawal, Planning Director