

Building goes on books as historic site

Lucasville School to move, pave way for 215 homes

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Prince William County's Supervisors' decision to rezone 97 acres near the Va. 234 Bypass and Lucasville Road allows for more than just space to build 215 single family homes.

In one unanimous vote Tuesday, the supervisors helped save a 100-year-old former school for colored children, awarded some families somewhat of a victory over the Va. 234 Bypass and changed the land's zoning from mostly agricultural to suburban residential.

Pulte Homes, the site's builder, promised to move and make structural improvements to the Lucasville School, the county's last 19th century African-American school house.

The unanimous vote also showed one family that even though the state bulldozed the Va. 234 Bypass through their property a few years ago, "a little guy still has a voice in Prince William County," said David Fletcher.

The introduction of the Va. 234 Bypass lopped off about 100 acres from the wide expanses of zoned agricultural land west of Manassas.

Part of that land was also zoned a community employment center and environmental resource.

The Fletcher, Lueking and Andrews properties lined each side of the Bypass, which left parts of their land useless.

On one side of the Bypass grew homes and a business park.

On the other: crops.

David Fletcher, Tommie Fletcher's son, said that the supervisors' decision allowed his family to "do with their land what they have always believed is their right."

Fletcher, accompanied by much of his clan Tuesday night, called the decision an



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The Lucasville School will be moved from its site to make way for 215 homes.

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