

Battlefield Park Decision Celebrated

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Save the Battlefield Coalition supporters "converged" on Manassas National Battlefield Park's newest addition last week — the former "William Center" development on which a Fair Oaks-sized mall was to be built.

The meeting was a celebration of the end of a 10-month battle between preservationists and developer Hazel/Peterson Cos. The developer lost the 542-acre tract Nov. 11 when President Reagan approved the little-used legislative taking, a process which immediately transfers land to government ownership.



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