

CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST
An American Heritage Land Preservation Organization

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The Honorable Jason Harper, Chairman
Henry County Board of Commissioners
Henry County Admin Blvd
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McDonough, GA 30253

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), a 65,000-member national nonprofit battlefield preservation organization. Our mission is to protect our nation's endangered Civil War sites and promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds.

The Nash Farm Battlefield, located in western Henry County, Georgia witnessed several Civil War military events during the late summer of 1864. These military events are connected to Union General Judson Kilpatrick's Cavalry Raid which took place on August 20, 1864 and the infantry "Right Flank" military action which took place from September 2 through 5, 1864. Other facts underscore the sanctity of this land as it was also used as a campsite by Confederate troops after the fall of Atlanta. These events were part of an important milestone for the citizens of Henry County, the state of Georgia, and our nation.

The area immediately west of Nash Farm in Lovejoy is under tremendous development pressure. The surrounding area located next to Nash Farm, considered to be part of the Lovejoy military action, was identified as one of the 25 most endangered battlefields in America in March 2007 by the CWPT.

CWPT applauds Henry County, Mark Pollard, and all others involved for their efforts in preserving Nash Farm Battlefield. Unless each of us makes a conscious choice to preserve irreplaceable historic sites like Nash Farm, important parts of our national heritage will be lost forever.

Sincerely,



O. James Lighthizer

cc: Mark Pollard, Henry County Civil War Historian

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