

# REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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**DATE:** Jan 25 2008 **ARC Review Code:** L801251

**TO**: Potentially Affected Local Governments and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Charles Krautler, Director

NOTE: This is digital signature. Original on file.

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has received the following proposal and is initiating a regional review to seek comments from potentially impacted jurisdictions and agencies. The ARC requests your comments related to the proposal not addressed by the Commission's regional plans and policies.

Name of Proposal: American Battlefield Protection Program-The Nash Farm Battlefield

**Review Type:** Parks and Recreation

<u>Description:</u> The project seeks funding for historical research, archaeological survey techniques, interpretive materials, and promoting public involvement to foster better community awareness of this Lovejoy battlefield.

Submitting Local Government: Henry County

Date Opened: Jan 25 2008

Deadline for Comments: Feb 12 2008

Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed: Feb 12 2008

#### THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC LAND USE PLANNING ARC DATA RESEARCH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HENRY COUNTY ARC Transportation Planning Georgia Conservancy Georgia Department of Transportation Clayton County ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

## Attached is information concerning this review.

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please call Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, at (404) 463-3311. If the ARC staff does not receive comments from you by Feb 12 2008, we will assume that your agency has no additional comments and we will close the review. Comments by email are strongly encouraged.

The ARC review website is located at: <a href="http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse">http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse</a> .

## ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

**DATE:** Jan 25 2008 **ARC REVIEW CODE:** L801251

TO: ARC Land Use, Environmental, Transportation, Research, and Aging Division Chiefs

**FROM:** Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, Extension: 3-3311

## Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:

<u>Land Use:</u> Calvert, Brad <u>Transportation:</u> Kray, Michael

**Environmental:** Santo, Jim **Research:** Skinner, Jim

Aging: N/A

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Response:
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- 1) 
  □ Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.

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  The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 5) 

  The proposal does NOT relate to any development guide for which this division is responsible.
- 6) 

  Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.

#### **COMMENTS:**

### GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM **EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS**

TO:

MS. HALEY FLEMING

ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

40 COURTLAND STREET, NE

ATLANTA, GA 30303

FROM:

Barbara Jackson

Georgia State Clearinghouse

DATE:

1/22/2008

SUBJECT:

Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: Henry County Board of Commissioners

PROJECT:

American Battlefield Protection Program - Pivotal Civil War Action at Lovejoy:

The Nash Farm Battlefield (located Henry County, GA)

CFDA NO.:

15.926

STATE ID:

GA080122003

## IMPORTANT! REVIEW COMMENTS DUE BY OR BEFORE: 2/12/2008

A copy of the Standard Federal Application package, Environmental Information, or Direct Federal Development project is enclosed for your review and comment. Your review should focus on the projects compatibility with those state or regional goals, policies, plans, fiscal resources, criteria for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), environmental impacts, or inconsistencies with federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulations with which your agency is concerned. Negative environmental impacts or provision for protection of the environment and possible duplication of the proposed project with programs presently in place should be pointed out.

Any major points of conflict identified by you during the review process immediately should be brought to the attention of the Administrator, Georgia State Clearinghouse. The Administrator will attempt to mediate these concerns prior to completing the review of the project. The Clearinghouse telephone number is (404) 656-3855.

Please have your comments typed (or hand-printed) and dated on the enclosed Form SC3. An additional sheet may be used if additional space is needed. Your comments will be summarized in a single state position or a composite that reflects both the state and regional recommendations and be returned to the applicant/sponsor. They in turn will forward a copy to the federal agency if necessary.

NOTE: Please do not return this SC-2 form or the full material back to this office. Keep the copy for your files or dispose of if not needed.

> Form SC-2 May 2007

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18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES.						
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**APPLICATION FOR** 

#### United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

## **American Battlefield Protection Program** 2008 Project Funding Application

Applicants must submit one (1) original and ten (10) copies of a complete application for each project. An electronic version of this application is available at www.cr.nps.gov/abpp. All questions must be answered in the space provided in font size 10 or greater. Read each question's instructions and separate APPLICATION GUIDELINES before completing the application.

	oject Summary (10 points)
<b>U</b> U	ore is based on the applicant's ability and to succinctly describe the project and to clearly convey the project objective.
1.	Project Title:Pivotal Civil War Action at Lovejoy - The Nash Farm Battlefield
	(same as #11 on Standard Form 424 – 10 words or less):
	Type of Project (select one only): X Site Identification & Documentation
	☐ Planning & Consensus Building
	□ Interpretation or Education
	Who on ABPP staff did you contact?Kristen McMaster phone number
Juc	sh Farm at Lovejoy was the center of a major Cavalry clash in August 1864. That battle pitted Brigadier General Ison Kilpatrick's 3 <sup>rd</sup> U.S. Cavalry Division against Ross's Texas Cavalry, Jackson's Cavalry, and Cleburne's Office Infantry, It also was the scene of two major (but little known) battles in Scotomber and Newscale at 1864. The
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With two of Major General William T. Sherman's three cavalry divisions already immobilized, the August 20, 1864 escape from potential capture of General Kilpatrick's 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Cavalry Division at Lovejoy allowed Sherman to launch his March to the Sea Campaign. Sherman's campaign devastated Georgia - much of it caused by Kilpatrick's U.S. Cavalry. Sherman's Georgia campaign and the socio-economic havoc it created led to termination of the Civil War. Two major battles at Lovejoy in September and November, 1864, further signaled the end of Sherman's hard-fought Atlanta Campaign. Several historians attribute Sherman's victory at Atlanta as a key influence on President Lincoln's reelection in the November 1864 election. Battles at Lovejoy were pivotal events in Sherman's capture of Atlanta and his march to the sea. Kilpatrick's Charge was one of the most remembered cavalry engagements by the soldiers in both armies.

- 5. List and quantify all final products:
  - 1. Technical Reports (6 copies)
  - 2. CD Rom/DVD Electronic Report (3 copies)
  - 3. Interpretive Placard/Signage Text (Material content for 6 outdoor signs)
  - 4. Interpretive Brochure (1 master copy, 1,000 copies in first run)

6. Current Land Use and Classification. Ans	wer <u>each</u> of the following:
A. What is the <b>predominant</b> current land-use of the project area?	B. What is the current zoning classification of the project area as determined by the local planning office
o Industrial o Commercial o Residential	o Industrial o Commercial o Residential
Recreational/Open Space     X Agricultural/Rural	X Recreational/Open Space o Agricultural/Rural
Other (specify)  7. Extent of Project and Battlefield Size.	_ o Other (specify)
A. What is the total size of the entire <b>hist</b> e	elatively unchanged since the battle?300 acres
8. How much land (by % or acres) within the	project area is in each of the following ownership categories?
o Private40 o Public60 o Private Non-Profit	
<ol><li>What are the current threats to the remaini and may affect the condition of the battlefice</li></ol>	ng battlefield or associated site. Describe how it has affected eld.
the face of the rural landscape in Clayton and Hen Highway improvements: Traffic levels in the study	area have drastically increased over the past decade and the current eds. Plans are underway for highway improvements on Jonesboro Road
<ol> <li>Explain how the threats identified in #9 w importance of each resource to the overal</li> </ol>	rill impact specific battlefield resources and describe the ll preservation of the battlefield.
battlefield where they occur. Vestiges of the battlef portions remain unexplored. Relic collector informate remarkably intact. These unexplored areas face in importance. Visual impact from these developmen	truction, roads, and associated utilities will destroy all vestiges of the field have been located by preliminary archaeological survey but other ation indicates that many unexplored areas of the battlefield remain aminent destruction if the public fails to recognize their historic ts will negatively affect the cultural landscape and aesthetic appeal of is mostly undeveloped land, which provides the historical tourist with a 1864.
<ul><li>11. How long will it take for the threats identifi</li><li>X Less than 1 year</li><li>o 1 – 5 years</li></ul>	ed in #9 above to affect the site?
o 5 - 10 years o More than 10 years	,

### **Preservation Opportunity (35 points)**

Preservation opportunity is judged on the appropriateness of the project to help protect the battlefield or historic site from the threats identified in #9 or to help protect the site before potential threats develop.

12. Describe how the proposed project will address the threat(s) identified in #9.

The project will help define the limits, internal characteristics and the historical significance of military events in the Lovejoy vicinity. This data can then be used to plan future surveys and property acquisition.

- 13. How many acres of battlefield will this project protect? 204
- 14. Check all categories of previous preservation work that has taken place at the battlefield where the site is threatened. Cite study and year on the right side for each checked box.

	No. of the control of	<u>Title</u>	<u>Year</u>
Х	Research	Survey	2006, 2007
X	Cultural Resource Research, Identification and Documentation	Survey	2006, 2007
. X	Archeological Survey and Inventory	Survey	2006,
	Registration (State and National Register Nominations)	•	
0	Community Advocacy and Outreach		
<b>O</b> .	Preservation or Cultural Resource Management Planning		
0	Master or Strategic Site Plans		
Χ	Interpretive Planning and Programs	Reenactments	2006, 2007
0	Other		•

15. How does this project contribute to the long-range goals for the site?

Henry County is committed to recognizing the significant military events that took place at Lovejoy, as demonstrated by the purchase of 204 expensive acres of battlefield, funding an archaeological reconnaissance survey and preliminary research, and initial construction and operation of a historical park. In order to secure the long range goals for this battlefield, the site must first be accurately located. Therefore, this survey is essential for protecting and interpreting this site to the public. The historical research will help to develop a historical context for the battles that were fought on these grounds.

16. Why is the proposed project the most appropriate preservation action or strategy for this site at this time?

The Nash Farm Battlefield Project is urgently needed because of pending urban development in the vicinity. The public is largely unaware of the important military events that took place at Lovejoy and the proposed effort will focus attention on the subject. It will provide tangible proof of these events through archaeology. It will give the public a better sense of the decisive American history that happened at Lovejoy. It will allow the historical tourist to immerse him/herself in an authentic battlefield landscape. It will serve as a collective memorial to the hundreds of U.S. and Confederate soldiers who gave their lives for their countries at Nash Farm.

17. What special factors contribute to the present opportunity for this project (e.g., personnel, timing, availability of matching funds, community support, or other unique circumstances)?

The project is timed following the grand opening of the Nash Farm Battlefield Park in 2007.

Henry County was awarded a 2007 National Association of Counties Achievement Award for their efforts in preserving and protecting the Nash Farm Battlefield.

Lovejoy was recognized in 2007 by the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) as one of the top 25 most threatened Civil War battlefields in America. The CWPT noted "Although Henry County, GA, purchased 204 acres of land at this key battle of the Atlanta Campaign, crucial points of the field remain unprotected in neighboring Clayton County. Like all of the burgeoning Atlanta suburbs, the area is highly vulnerable to development."

Matching Funds: The LAMAR Institute, Inc., is committed to the project, as show by their previous donations in 2007, and by a pledge of \$1,000 to the proposed effort.

The Friends of Nash Farm, an organization composed of civic and business leaders, and of citizens concerned with the preservation of Nash Farm Battlefield, has pledged \$2,000 for the project.

### Tasks, Schedule, and Products (10 points)

18. In the space below, state each major activity necessary to complete the project with a schedule and cost estimate for its completion.

<u>Task</u>	Time Required to Complete	<u>Cost</u>	Product
Historical Research	5 Weeks	\$25,000	
Archaeological Survey	8 Weeks	\$54,000	
Signage Text Preparation	1 Week	\$6,000	
Brochure Preparation	1 Week	\$6,000	

### **Applicant Qualifications (5 points)**

The applicant organization's qualifications are rated according to its experience with similar grant projects and according to the applicant's ability to accurately and concisely complete this application.

19. Describe the applicant **organization's** qualifications for handling this type of project and its experience in managing grants or contracts.

Henry County funded two preliminary historical and archaeological studies of the Nash Farm Battlefield in 2006 and 2007, resulting in two technical reports. These reports (by D'Angelo et al, TRC Garrow, Inc. 2006 and Elliott, The LAMAR Institute, Inc. 2007) provide some baseline information about the military events that took place at Lovejoy and their archaeological correlates.

Henry County's Grants Administration Office manages 20-plus federal and state grants each year. In 2006 Henry County received a total of \$2,380,601.00 in grant revenue, and in 2007 received a total of \$3,066,833.00 in grant funding.

20. Describe the proposed **project manager's** qualifications or experience for handling this type of project. Note any similar projects he/she has managed (do <u>NOT</u> attach resumes or vitae).

The project will be managed by Larry Stanford and Mark Pollard.

Larry Stanford is the Henry County Grants Administrator and will serve as the Fiscal Agent for the project. He has two years experience as Grants Administrator, and more than 18 years experience in related fields.

Mark Pollard is the Henry County Historian and will serve as the On-Site Project Manager. He was the first to discover

through study and research the historical significance of the Nash Farm Battlefield. He is President of the Georgia Historical Artifacts and Research Group and a member of the Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield. He served as an on-site manager for both of the historical and archaeological studies that were done in 2006 and 2007.

21. Has the applicant organization received **grant assistance from ABPP** in the past? o Yes X No If yes, indicate year(s) completed, and project title(s), below. Is/was the product extended/late? o Yes o No

## Support and Participation (10 points)

Consider all entities that are involved in, and affected by, this project. Attach letters stating their support. Partners should address letters of support to the applicant, not the ABPP, by the deadline.

22. List all landholders in the project area. Henry County Board of Commissioners 140 Henry Parkway McDonough, GA 30253

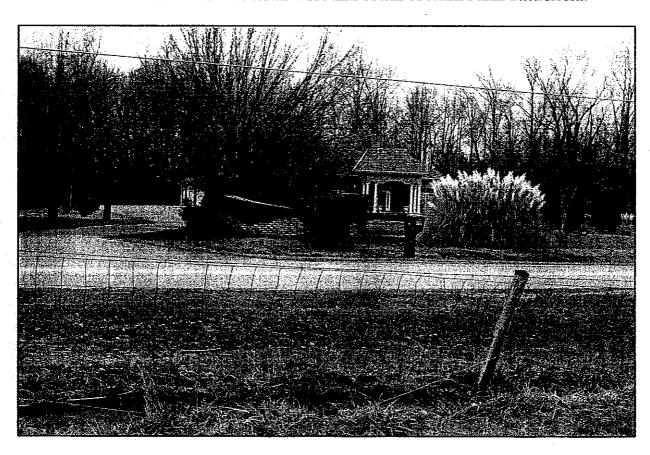
23. Describe the extent to which the public is and will be involved in this project.

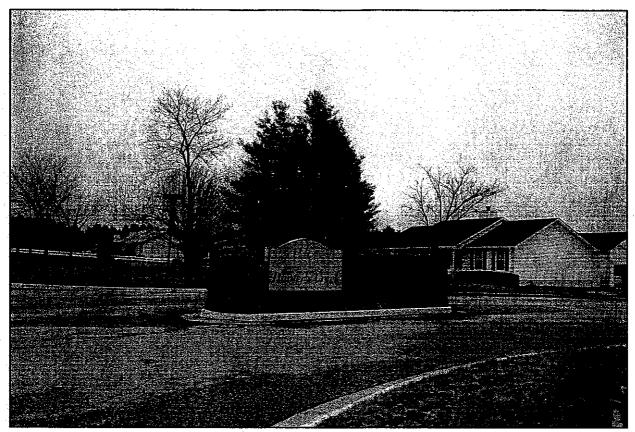
Henry County's Nash Farm Battlefield Park is open for public interpretation of the historic battlefield. Civil War enthusiasts, relic collectors and amateur historians will be encouraged to participate in this study under careful supervision of a professional archaeologist. The technical reports of these investigations will be made available to the interested public as a print document and via the Henry County Battlefield website (<a href="http://henrycountybattlefield.com">http://henrycountybattlefield.com</a>).

The interpretive signage and brochures will enable the casual historical tourist to learn about Civil War history at Lovejoy.

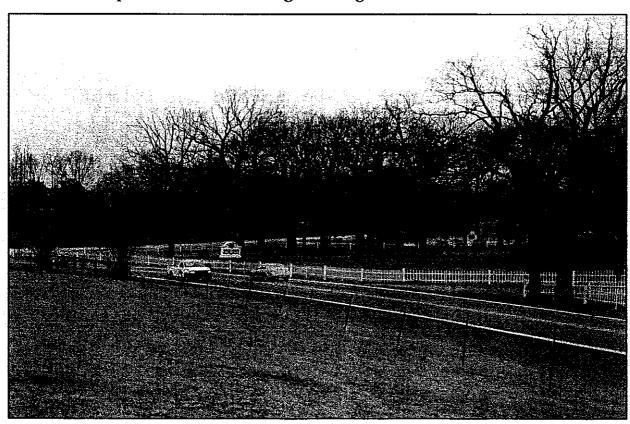


Henry County is one of the fastest growing counties in Georgia and the nation, and the threat of residential encroachment at Nash Farm Battlefield can be seen by these homes across Babbs Mill Road west and south of Nash Farm Battlefield.





Nash Farm Battlefield in Henry County is faced with the threat of residential encroachment such as Hunter's Creek subdivision just east of the battlefield. Traffic is another concern, as Jonesboro/McDonough Road, which borders Nash Farm Battlefield (lower photo) is a major east/west corridor which the Georgia Department of Transportation is considering widening to four lanes.





Owned by Henry County Board of Commissioners Henry County-ourned

Map done in 2005 Henry County

# THE LAMAR INSTITUTE, INC.

January 3, 2008

Larry Stanford,
Grants Coordinator
Henry County
140 Henry Parkway
McDonough, Georgia 30253

RE: LOVEJOY STATION ABPP APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Stanford:

This letter serves to assert the support of The LAMAR Institute, Inc. in Henry County's efforts to secure grant funding from the American Battlefield Protection Program for the Lovejoy Station battlefield. As you know, our organization participated in the important discovery of the battlefield site in early 2007. That project, which included preliminary historical research and systematic archaeological reconnaissance on a portion of the battlefield, identified important remains of several Civil War battles in the Lovejoy, Georgia area. Our organization donated considerable time and funds towards that preliminary study because we considered it a worthwhile endeavor. The LAMAR Institute remains committed to supporting the historical archaeology and historical research in delineating and preserving portions of the Lovejoy Station battlefields. We pledge to contribute \$1,000 towards the next phase of research, should Henry County be successful in its ABPP application.

Lovejoy Station and the immediate surroundings witnessed four significant military engagements from July through November, 1864. Research by TRC Garrow, Inc. (D'Angelo et al. 2006), The LAMAR Institute, Inc. (Elliott and Dean 2007), and ongoing research by Southeastern Archaeological Services and others have drawn attention to this area of Clayton and Henry counties, Georgia. As a result of the recent discoveries, the Civil War Preservation Trust placed the area on its Top 25 list of endangered Civil War battlefields for 2007. The primary threat to the battlefield is urban and dense residential growth. This trend in land use shows no signs of abating as Metropolitan Atlanta' reaches further outward into many formerly rural counties of the Georgia piedmont. Atlanta's growth has already consumed many of the battlefields associated with Major General William T. Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. Lovejoy Station is one area where portions of the battlefield remain intact and have the potential for preservation, if these resources can be properly identified in time. Henry County's generous historic preservation efforts, as witnessed by their purchase of the 204 acre Nash Farm property in 2006, is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when the community is committed to preserving their past.

The archaeological resources that have been identified thus far demonstrate that the stories of Civil War battles are preserved in the soil at Lovejoy Station. We wish you every success in obtaining additional funding for the exploration, identification, and interpretation of these important stories.

De SELO

Daniel T. Elliott

President

P.O. Box 2992, Savannah, Georgia 31402 Phone 912-826-5214, or (cell) 706-341-7796 Nash Farm Battlefield 4361 Jonesboro Road Hampton, GA 30228 www.henrycountybattlefield.com



Henry County 140 Henry County Parkway McDonough, GA 30253 770-288-6000

January 16, 2008

To Whom It may Concern,

The Friends of Nash Farm is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Nash Farm Battlefield. We have been active in the interpretation of this Historical site, have committed thousands of volunteer hours, and continually raise funds for on going needs.

Our Board has determined that more archeological study needs to be done on this site. Therefore we are willing to commit \$2,000.00 toward this study. If you need to contact me for additional information I can be reached at 678-770-7003.

Warmest Regards,

Mark Pollard

Henry County Civil War Historian

Member of Board of Directors, Friends of Nash Farm

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# Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, **DC** 20515-1008

January 14, 2008

Ms. Kristen McMasters
American Battlefield Protection Program
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW (2255)
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Ms. McMasters,

In August of 1864 there was a major cavalry clash that took place near Lovejoy, Georgia at Nash Farm. U.S. General Judson Kilpatrick led a massive cavalry charge through the Southern forces and this allowed him to escape back to Sherman's lines. The charge by General Kilpatrick and his troops was one of the most remembered cavalry engagements recanted by soldiers in both armies.

Henry County Georgia is committed to the significant military events that took place at Lovejoy. To show their commitment the county has already purchased 204 acres of the battlefield, they have funded archaeological reconnaissance surveys, preliminary research, and initial construction and operation of a historical park.

With the help of historical experts and studies Nash Farm Battlefield Park opened in 2007 and civil war reenactments were held at the battlefield in 2006 and 2007. Henry County is now preparing a grant request to the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program in order to continue their archaeological studies of Nash Farm. The intent is to delineate portions of the battlefield and develop a historical context of the events. The project will combine historical research, archaeological survey techniques, interpretive materials, and foster public involvement to provide better community awareness.

Please give the grant application from Henry County in the amount of \$91,000 every possible consideration and I am hopeful of a positive response. Should you require any further information or if you have any questions please contact Brad Bohannon at 770-683-2033

COMMITTEES:

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# The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

January 14, 2008

Kristen McMasters American Battlefield Protection Program National Park Service Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, NW (2255) Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Ms. McMasters:

The purpose of this letter is to heartily recommend approval of the Henry County government's ABPP grant application for an archaeological study of the Nash Farm Battlefield in Lovejoy.

Nash Farm Battlefield offers the opportunity to create a historical park that would tell the story of the Atlanta Campaign from the evacuation of Kennesaw Mountain by the Confederates to the occupation of Atlanta by the Federals and the planning for and early stages of the March to the Sea. The cavalry action south and southwest of Atlanta in the mid-July to mid-August 1864 period was one of the greatest moments in Confederate Cavalry history, and something most people have never heard of. The site would serve as the logical end point for a tour of the Atlanta Campaign and/or a jumping off point for those wishing to follow the March to the Sea or visit Andersonville.

Henry County recognizes the historical significance of the military events at Nash Farm Battlefield. The county has purchased 204 acres of the battlefield and conducted initial archaeological surveys which provide baseline information about the major Civil War cavalry engagement that took place there.

This archaeological study will help to further recognize the importance of the military action that took place at Nash Farm by delineating portions of the battlefield and developing a historical context for the events. This survey is essential for protecting and interpreting this site to the public.

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I consider this a very worthwhile project and look forward to its speedy approval. Please feel free to call on me at any time should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Douglas

State Senator

District 17