

Please Help Save Historic Faraway Farm

A Maryland-based developer has proposed to build 152 houses on the historic Faraway Farm, site of the Battle of Shepherdstown following the Battle of Antietam.

The 121 acres, located off Trough Road between Engle Molers Road and River Road and currently zoned as "rural," was farmed until purchased by the developer. To proceed, the developer seeks a conditional use permit from Jefferson County to increase the

density of homes allowed in a rural district.

The Faraway Farm property includes a more than 200-year-old brick farm house and barn. On Sept. 20, 1862, the bloodiest battle in West Virginia history took place on the farm when Confederate soldiers led by Generals Stonewall Jackson and A.P. Hill stopped Federal troops

pursuing General Robert E. Lee's forces following the Battle of Antietam. The Faraway farmhouse has artillery shells embed-



Faraway Farm is the unspoiled site of the 1862 Battle of Shepherdstown, where Confederate soldiers stopped Federal troops pursuing Lee's forces following Antietam. A developer proposes to build 152 houses on the battlefield.

ded in its walls as testament to the battle that took place there. In his official report, A.P. Hill called the battle "the most terrible slaughter that this war has yet witnessed."

What's the impact?

If the development is approved, the battlefield site will be forever altered and lost as a potential source of future tourism.

The developer admits our local roads would be flooded with over 1,200 more auto trips a day, including over 120 "peak hour" auto trips per day.

The developer proposes to "improve" Trough Road by removing the two 90-degree bends, so characteristic of our rural area, that currently serve to slow down speeding traffic.

The development would force already maxed out local schools to absorb another 75 or so new students.

Runoff from the development will add more

pollution to the Potomac River and could affect your well.

The development would be another step forward for urban sprawl, gobbling up local farms and forever changing Jefferson County's rural character.

But the proposed transformation of Faraway Farm into a high-density housing development is **not a done deal!**

How can you help?

Join and support Citizens United to Save Faraway Farm and sign its petition opposing development of the farm and battlefield site. Call Ed Dunleavy at 876-7029 or email edunleavy@frontiernet.net.