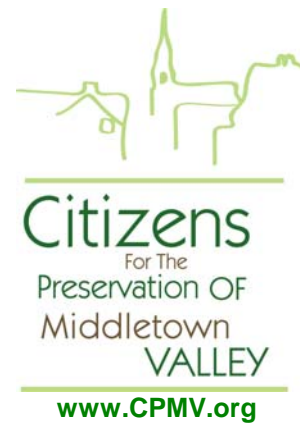


August 2, 2009

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Re: Gas Compressor Station, Marker Road

Ms. Moss,



Since our last correspondence, a significant announcement was made at the National Press Club in Washington, DC by actor Richard Dreyfuss speaking on behalf of the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT). Mr. Dreyfuss announced that the South Mountain Battlefield (the same property Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) purchased for industrial development in December 2008) has been designated as one of the **ten (10) most endangered Civil War Battlefields in the United States**. The details are available at <http://www.civilwar.org/history-under-siege/history-under-siege.html>.

In particular, the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission classified South Mountain as a *Priority I Battlefield* (sites considered the most threatened) due to DTI's previously announced plan to build a \$55 million dollar gas compressor station on this historic property. According to DTI's original project schedule, DTI planned to be "under construction" in 2012 which coincidentally will be the sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of *The Battle of South Mountain (September 14, 1862)*.

Several national and local preservation groups have contacted the Citizens for the Preservation of Middletown Valley (CPMV) about coordinating events that will highlight the significance of this historic South Mountain property. In response to these requests, the CPMV will be sponsoring a march of Civil War re-enactors (press release attached) to commemorate the Battle of South Mountain on Saturday, September 12, 2009. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Civil War Preservation Trust.

We anticipate that through our programs and the efforts of national and local preservation groups, DTI will develop an understanding of the historic significance of the property you are considering for industrial development. Not only is this property historically significant, but hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars have already been invested by governments at every level to preserve the land and surrounding areas through various preservation programs, including rural legacy and agricultural preservation.

We are hopeful that our educational efforts may convince DTI to rethink their development plans and to work with our community's local land use experts (Planning & Zoning) and other stakeholder organizations to identify a suitable parcel of land that is already zoned for industrial development in Frederick County. As you are aware, in 2008 a local stakeholder identified several available parcels during a single weekend outing.

Please keep us informed of DTI's plans for our community. Our website [www.CPMV.org](http://www.CPMV.org) is updated regularly with information about our group's activities.

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### **CITIZENS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MIDDLETOWN VALLEY WILL SPONSOR A CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 COMMEMORATING THE 147<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN**

**(Middletown, MD)** – The Citizens for the Preservation of Middletown Valley (CPMV) is continuing its efforts to protect and preserve the historic land of Middletown Valley. On March 18, 2009, the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) unveiled its report *History Under Siege: A Guide to America's Most Endangered Civil War Battlefields*. The report identified South Mountain Battlefield as one of the ten most endangered battlefields in the United States. Included in this land is the property now owned by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) which has identified this site as their primary location for the placement for a \$55 million dollar gas compressor station.

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, CPMV will sponsor a march of Civil War reenactors to commemorate the Battle of South Mountain, which took place on September 14, 1862. The march will begin at the Municipal Building on Main Street in Middletown and will then follow the original route taken by the 30<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry regiment, past the Dominion Transmission property, concluding at Reno Monument.

The 30th Ohio Volunteer Infantry belonged to the First Brigade of Brigadier General Jacob Cox's Kanawha Division of the Ninth Corps. On the morning of September 14, 1862 they were sent as the first wave of Union troops to engage massed Confederate forces reported to be on the crest of South Mountain near the Old Sharpsburg Road (now Reno Monument Road) at Fox's Gap. Camped west of Middletown that morning, the 30th Ohio took the National Road (Alt-40), forded Catoclin Creek, and turned left at the Ripp House onto a cross road leading to the Old Sharpsburg Road (now Marker Road). They took Old Sharpsburg Road west to the base of South Mountain where artillery shot from the summit announced the presence of Confederate infantry and artillery forces under Brigadier General Samuel Garland. A detachment of the 30th Ohio continued up the mountain by the Old Sharpsburg Road, while the main column turned off onto a wooded country road at the left. The 30th Ohio was deployed to the right on the Union right flank placed along the Old Sharpsburg Road. The 30th Ohio fought all day, enduring intense artillery and infantry fire at close range near the Wise Farm on the Old Sharpsburg Road on the mountain crest. By the late evening of September 14, the Union pressed the Confederates to the west side of South Mountain, but at the cost of over 5000 casualties and the deaths of both Union Major General Jesse Reno and Confederate Brigadier General Samuel Garland.

All proceeds from this event are tax-deductible and will be donated to the Civil War Preservation Trust. The CPMV is seeking the support of the community through volunteerism and donations. For further information, please visit [www.cpmv.org](http://www.cpmv.org) or to send a contribution, please make your contribution payable to CWPT and mail to Citizens for the Preservation of Middletown Valley, P.O. Box 922, Middletown, MD 21769-0922.

CPMV is a grass-roots, non-political, citizen's action organization seeking responsible and appropriate land use in Maryland's agricultural and historic Middletown Valley. CPMV has organized opposition to the DTI planned Middletown gas compressor facility since the project was first announced in late 2007. Its website is <http://www.cpmv.org/>.

The Civil War Preservation Trust is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promoting appreciation of these hallowed grounds through education and heritage tourism. Its website is <http://www.civilwar.org/>.