



Battlefield Bullets

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Walmart in the Wilderness – Orange County will hold a public hearing on July 27 at 7:00 at the Orange County High School on the permit application for a Walmart Superstore at the gateway to the Wilderness Battlefield. The Board of Supervisors is likely to vote on the permit the next day.

Walmart has provided a special email address for citizens to voice their opinions regarding the project: VirginiaPublicAffairs@wal-mart.com



The Ellwood area during the Battle of the Wilderness (Richard Schlect)

General Management Plan (GMP) – The first round of workshops for the park’s GMP will be held on July 29th at Riverbend High School (5-8:00 PM), July 30th at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library Headquarters Branch (5:30-8:00 PM), and September 9th at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse (5-8:00 PM). Ideas for the plan can be sent to frsp_gmp@nps.gov.

The GMP will guide development of the park for at least the next 20 years. Issues that will be addressed include: authorized boundaries, educational services, size and location of visitor use facilities, staffing needs, battlefield landscape management, etc. The park needs input from the public to guide the development of the plan.

The Last Days of Stonewall – An updated version of *The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson* has just rolled off the presses. The new booklet was authored by Park Volunteer Chris Mackowski and Ranger/Historian Kris White. The design was funded by the Friends of Fredericksburg Area Battlefields and developed by Jackson Foster. The publication is available at Eastern National bookstores for only \$6.95. A book-signing event is being planned.

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