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RE: Lily Pond Solar Proposal

Dear Ms. Sink:

Thank you for meeting with us to share your revised proposal for a solar installation in Dinwiddie County. We appreciate that you have worked to reduce the footprint of this proposal and to shield impacts to critical Civil War battlefield sites.

We are writing because we are unable to meet your request to finalize any agreement on mitigation by April 12.

We believe further study is warranted on several fronts. We request that you undertake a KOCOA analysis to examine how battles transpired across the impacted parcels and to identify significant landscape features. This will help better understand impacts and where conservation is most critical. Surveying with metal detectors was helpful to attempt to learn where action may have occurred, but this region has endured years of looting by relic hunters that has removed many artifacts and evidence of historic importance. A KOCOA analysis will inform us all of important battlefield features to protect.

We appreciate your proposal to protect the viewshed with plantings but believe this part of your proposal is premature. We request that you complete a viewshed analysis of the entire site with multiple viewpoints studied. This will inform us of where the impacts would be most egregious and where they should be avoided or mitigated.

Finally, we need ample time to study the maps you shared with us and to overlay them with the KOCOA analysis when it is completed.

Thank you for working with us to ensure our Civil War battlefields are protected. Please reach out to any of us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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