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## **Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area to host second public meeting on Preservation Education Initiative**

**Frederick, MD** - The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA), a certified heritage area encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, seeks public input on a new Preservation Education Initiative.

The project, funded by grants from the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) and the Delaplaine Foundation, will develop a dynamic, online education portal that will provide high-quality classroom activities—linked to national standards—to teachers across the country. The project also aims to encourage student groups to make the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area their base camp for multi-day trips to the region. The goal of this new K-12 initiative is to increase student engagement with local battlefields, which will ensure that a “core history audience” will continue for generations to come.

A public meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 PM, at the Frederick Visitor Center located at 151 S. East Street. HCWHA staff and museum education consultant Beth Maloney will present the curricular materials developed for the portal, including 11 original lesson plans that have been tested by educators across the country. These lessons use three existing resources—the Emmy-award winning documentary *Maryland’s Heart of the Civil War*, its companion flipbook, and the CrossroadsofWar.org website—as a foundation for teaching about the Civil War. The public will be invited to contribute comments and ask questions about the project.

For more information about this public meeting or the Heart of the Civil War Preservation Education Initiative, please contact HCWHA staff at [info@heartofthecivilwar.org](mailto:info@heartofthecivilwar.org).

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