Cedar Creek Battle site to be protected

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MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) _ A monument marking one of the bloodiest and most famous moments in Vermont's Civil War history will be protected thanks to efforts by Vermont Senator James Jeffords.

The stone marking the site where Vermonters fought at the Battle of Cedar Creek sits on private land in Virginia, which could be developed.

A two (m) million dollar provision in the federal highway bill, which Jeffords worked on, will allow the National Park Service to buy the land and protect the monument.

The monument marks where a group of Vermont soldiers were sent in to fight the Confederates in an attempt to slow their attack.

The group suffered enormous casualties and helped turned a Union defeat into a victory.