Rustic Roads Advisory Committee

2018 Royce Hanson Award

River Road, exceptional rustic
What are rustic roads?
Hunting Quarter Road, exceptional rustic
Sandy Spring, c. 1720

Below: The Sandy Spring (1745)
Right: The brick Sandy Spring Meeting House (1817) on Meeting House Road, exceptional rustic,
Plat of the road from Lucketts Ferry at the confluence of the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers, to Green's Bridge at the Patuxent River.
Griffith, Thackara, Vallance.  
Map of the State of Maryland laid down from an actual survey of all the principal waters, public roads, and divisions of the counties therein; describing the situation of the cities, towns, villages, houses of worship and other public buildings, furnaces, forges, mills, and other remarkable places; and of the Federal Territory; as also a sketch of the State of Delaware shewing the probable connexion of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays.
Platted in 1793, West Old Baltimore Road, exceptional rustic
The ford at Ten Mile Creek, West Old Baltimore Road, exceptional rustic
Black Rock Mill, 1815
Black Rock Road, rustic
The stone-cutting mill (1830) at Seneca Quarry
Tschiffely Mill Road, rustic
Whites Ferry Road leads to White’s Ferry, formerly Conrad’s Ferry, established in 1817.
Lockhouse 25 (1830), C&O Canal (1828-1850)
Edwards Ferry Road, exceptional rustic
A detail of Martenet and Bond’s Map of Montgomery County, Maryland (1865)
Following after the C&O Canal, the B&O Railroad crossed the county with the Metropolitan Branch (1873). Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic.
Our rustic roads connect our historic hamlets and villages.

Darby Store, at the intersection of Beallsville Road, rustic, and Damestown Road.
Boyds Negro School (1896)
White Ground Road, exceptional rustic
St. Paul Community Church (1893)
Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic, and Sugarland Lane, rustic
Two concrete Politician’s Roads have been preserved by the program. Martinsburg Road, exceptional rustic.
Preserved road surface
West Harris Road, exceptional rustic
Preserved bridge, 1910 pony truss
Montevideo Road, exceptional rustic
Identified view, Sugarloaf Mountain
Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic
What do rustic roads have to do with the Ag Reserve?
In 1961, we expected that we would travel like this by the year 2000 (fashion optional).

In the Year 2000, our cities would cluster along our highways.
..on wedges and corridors
The 1980 AROS Plan says:
Allow roads to remain in their present condition for 15-20 years except for maintenance and safety projects.

Said to have been a post road
West Harris Road, exceptional rustic
Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic
Grass Fed  Pastured  Pastured  Grass Fed
BEEF  PORK  CHICKEN  eggs  LAMB
What if there were no rustic roads?
Beallsville Road was planned as a 6-lane major highway

West Hunter Road was planned as a 4-lane major highway
This 1910 pony truss bridge was planned for replacement on Montevideo Road, exceptional rustic.
1965: Montevideo Road realignment proposed

1986: 80-foot ROW acquisition for a new 4-lane bridge
What does the rustic roads advisory committee do?
Emory Church Road
(nominated by residents, waiting for a master plan amendment for consideration)
Who uses Rustic Roads?

Real residents, farmers, cyclists, equestrians, bikers, school bus drivers, local businesses, and visitors enjoy these special roads, ranging from narrow rural back roads to wide paved streets.

Criteria for Rustic Roads

1. Located away from residential and commercial areas
2. proximity to open space and natural amenities
3. Low speed limit
4. Minimal maintenance

Criteria for Exceptional Rustic Roads

1. Historical significance
2. Unique landscape

Proposals for Rustic Roads Program

Proposals and recommendations are evaluated by the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee. A steering committee also evaluates proposals for funding. Apprenticeship funds may be used for the Rustic Roads Program.
Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic Meeting crews onsite, learning about needed work
A site visit— with a pause to admire the roadside daylilies preserved by the MCDOT crews. West Harris Road, exceptional rustic.
Smile at the photo op!
Our RRAC chair and politicians pose for us on our Politician’s road.
From the RRAC members past and present –

**THANK YOU**

to MCA for this extraordinary honor, and to all of our farmers, residents, visitors and enthusiasts who support the rustic roads

A happy resident of Bentley Road, rustic, also sends thanks