

SCOPE OF WORK



Moxley Road, rustic

Today:

- Overview
- Discuss outreach
- Approve the Scope of Work



The Rustic Roads Program

*...establishes a program to **preserve** as rustic roads those **historic and scenic roadways** that reflect the agricultural character and rural origins of the County. Preservation of rustic roads must be achieved by **retaining certain physical features** of rustic roads and by certain right-of-way maintenance procedures.*



Brookeville Road, rustic

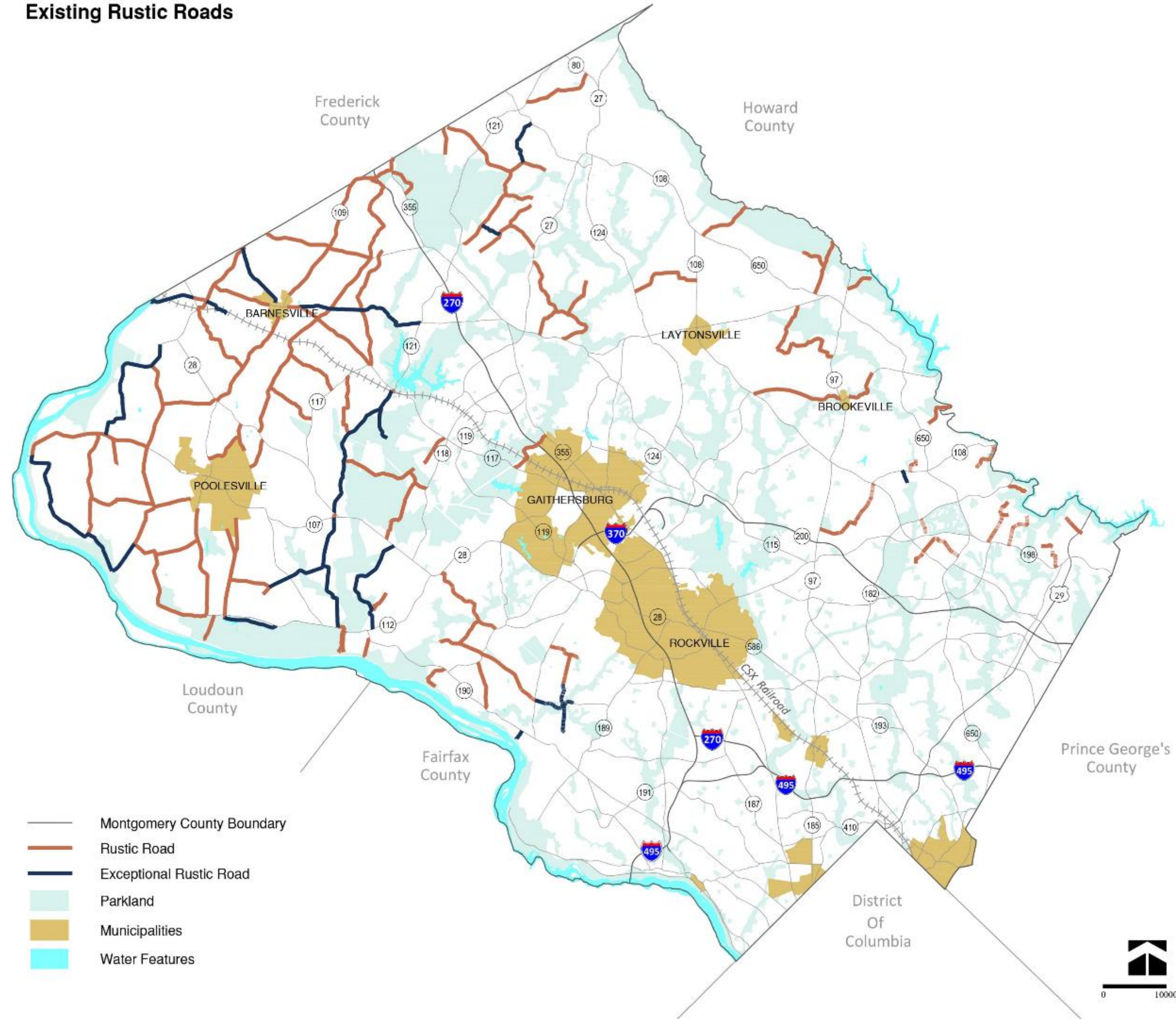
Purpose of the Update

- Last amendment in 2004
- Assess 20 nominated roads; describe 29 roads currently in the program; and update programs and other technical elements as needed

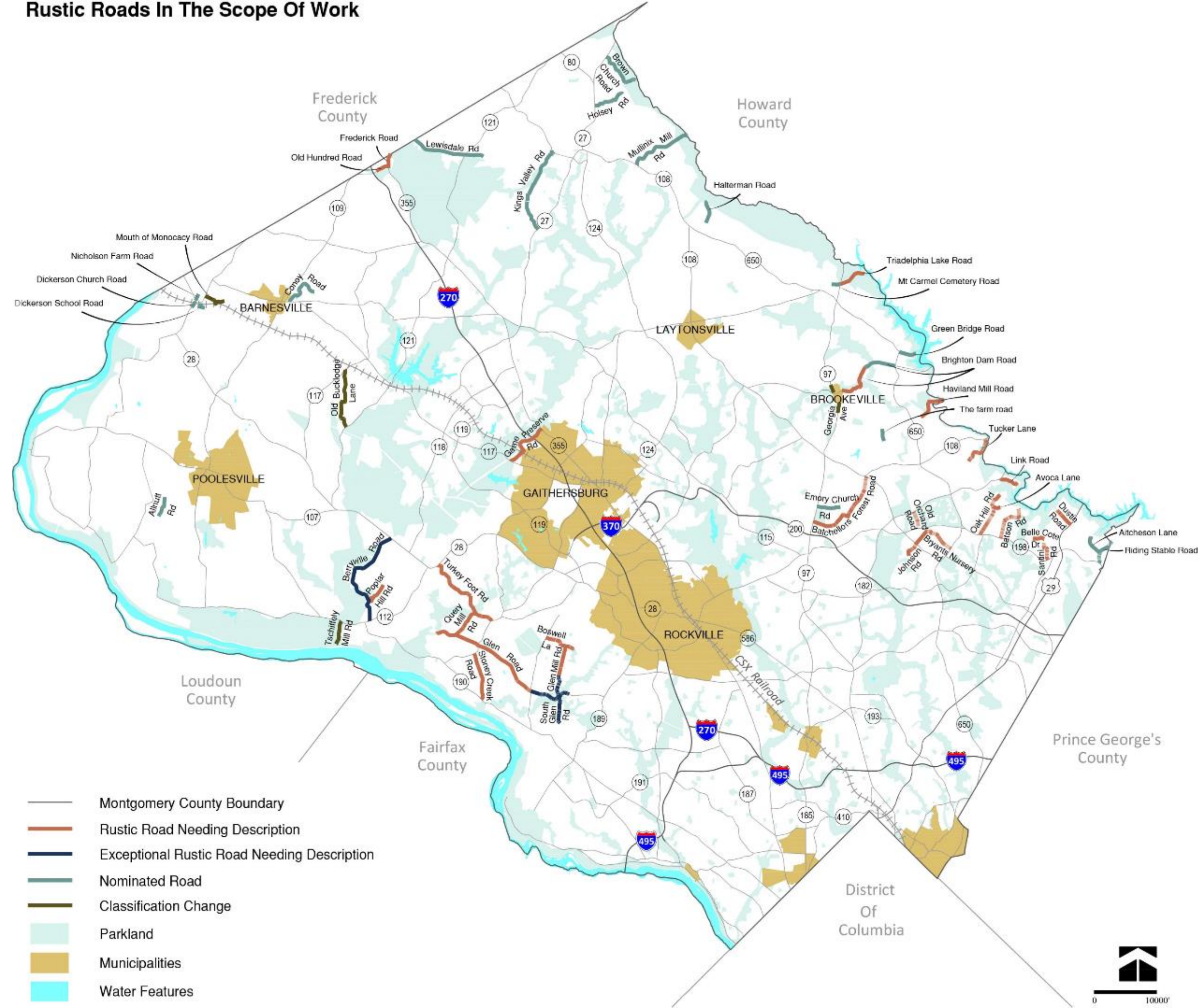


Existing Rustic Roads

There are 99 roads in the Rustic Roads Program



20 new roads nominated
29 roads need descriptions



Rustic roads allow us to follow our history.



Elton, 1780
Elton Farm Road



Mount Carmel Church Cemetery (1848)
Mount Carmel Cemetery Road, nominee

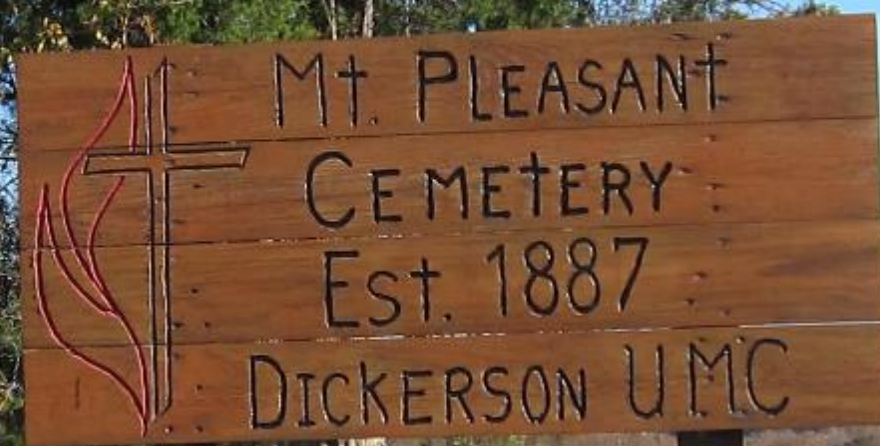


Mount Calvary African Union Methodist Protestant (AUMP) Church
Batson Road, rustic



BRIDGE
WEIGHT
10 TON

C&O Canal Lock 25
Edwards Ferry Road, exceptional rustic



Mount Pleasant Cemetery
Mount Ephraim Road, rustic



Ruins of a sandstone bank barn, former Sellman Farm
Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic



Oakley Cabin
Brookeville Road, rustic

Rustic roads lead to unusual and remarkable infrastructure.



Monocacy Aqueduct, C&O Canal
Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic



B&O Viaduct
Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic



Seneca Aqueduct on the C&O Canal
Rileys Lock Road and Tschiffely Mill Road, both rustic




In 2007, MCDOT installed a new wood-decked truss bridge
Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic



White's Ferry is the last remaining cable ferry crossing the Potomac River
Whites Ferry Road, rustic and River Road, exceptional rustic



Ford through Ten Mile Creek
West Old Baltimore Road, exceptional rustic

A gravel road stretches from the foreground into the distance, flanked by vibrant green fields. On the left, a large, gnarled tree stands prominently, with several thinner trees behind it. On the right, a utility pole with a single wire is visible. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is a peaceful, rural landscape.

Rustic roads are integral to the Ag Reserve and our working landscapes

Sod farm
River Road, exceptional rustic



Homestead Farm
Sugarland Road,
exceptional rustic



Mullinix Mill Road, nominee



Linden Farm
Martincburg Road, exceptional rustic



Mouth of Monocacy Road, exceptional rustic



Grain elevator
Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic



Soleado Farm driveway
West Harris Road, exceptional rustic



Chocolates and Tomatoes Farm
Formerly on River Road



Moxley Road, rustic



An orchard on the left and corn on the right
Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic



Button Farm
Black Rock Road, rustic

Rustic roads are narrow,
slow, shared roads.

- Discuss outreach
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Martinsburg Road, exceptional rustic
The only road designated in the MPHP

Rustic roads are full of surprises around every corner—please slow down..



Unnamed rustic road



Old Hundred Road, rustic



Old Bucklodge Lane, rustic
Photo by Anne Davies



Old Bucklodge Lane, rustic
Photo by Karen Kendra



Oak Hill Road, rustic



RRAC site visit
Martinsburg Road, exceptional rustic



RRAC site visit
Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic



The original “road diet”

Meeting House Road, exceptional rustic



Brown Church Road, nominee

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Budd Rd, rustic
Photo by Caroline Taylor



West Harris Road, exceptional rustic



Brighton Dam Road, rustic

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Mouth of Monocacy Road
exceptional rustic



Unnamed rustic road
Photo from Jeremy Criss, Office of Ag



An upcounty traffic calming technique?

Mouth of Monocacy Rd by Caroline Taylor

STILL

**SPEED
LIMIT
25**



Toad rescue
Undisclosed rustic road rescue by Caroline Taylor

A brief history



Glen Road, rustic

1950s



View from Nicholson Farm Road, nominee

1960s



Rocklands Farm, Montevideo Road, exceptional rustic

1970s

SLOW
CHILDREN
PLAYING



Tschiffely Mill Road, rustic

1980s



Westerly Road, rustic

1990s



Greenbridge Road, nominee

Community members did not want our
remaining gravel roads to be paved.



West Harris Road, exceptional rustic



And they did not want their one-lane bridges
to be replaced—such as this one.

1910 pony truss bridge over Dry Seneca Creek
Montevideo Road, exceptional rustic

And this one.



1-lane bridge over Watts Branch
Glen Road, exceptional rustic

1990s to 2010s



Martinsburg Road, exceptional rustic

Criteria for designations
established in county code



Prices Distillery Road, rustic

Summary of Criteria Evaluation of Roads Considered for Designation as Rustic Roads

Table 2

	RUSTIC						EXCEPTIONAL		
	Narrow, intended for local use	Traffic volume consistent with rustic road	<div> <div>↑</div> <div>Outstanding natural features</div> </div>	<div> <div>OR</div> <div>Outstanding vistas, farm and rural</div> </div>	<div> <div>↓</div> <div>Historic value</div> </div>	Accident history does not suggest unsafe conditions	Significant contribution to natural, agricultural, or historic characteristics	Unusual features	Negatively affected by modifications
Barnes Road	✓	✓			✓	✓			
• Barnesville Road: Bucklodge Rd. (MD 117) to Mount Ephraim Rd.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
• Beallsville Rd./Old Hundred Rd. (MD 109): MD 28 to I-270	✓	✓		✓		✓			
Beallsville Road (MD 109): Poolesville to MD 28	✓					✓			
Bellison Road	not a public road								
• Big Woods Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
• Black Rock Road	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			



Hoyles Mill Road

An Exceptional Rustic Road



Hoyles Mill Road has outstanding natural features.

Recommended as an *exceptional rustic road*.

Significant Features:

- Dense forest on either side of the road
- Road surface is primarily gravel
- Ford over Little Seneca Creek

Historic Resources:

The road was named for a saw and grist mill established by John Hoyle on Little Seneca Creek by 1865. The mill was located on the upstream side of the ford. The road was originally surveyed by Charles F. Townsend in 1883 in order to provide access to the mill. About 1928, the mill operation moved to Barnesville Road in Boyds.

Boys Negro School is a one-room school house opened in 1895. It's a rare surviving example of an early educational building for rural black children.

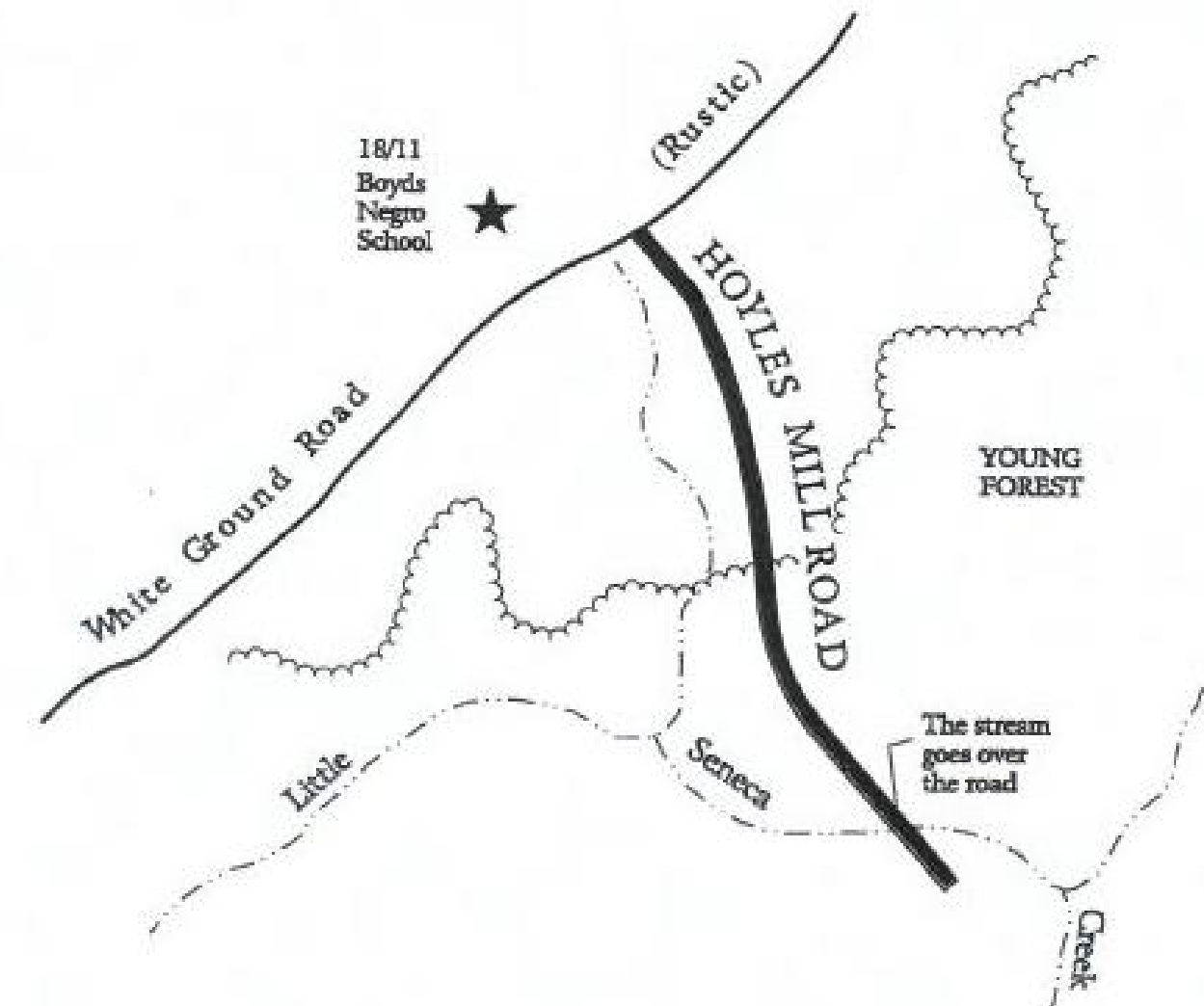
Driving Experience:

The road extends from White Ground Road (a rustic road) near Boyds to Schaeffer Road in Germantown, crossing Little Seneca Creek as a ford. The first 1,100 feet of the road from its intersection with White Ground Road is an older residential neighborhood and is paved. From this point the road begins descending toward Little Seneca Creek through a dense young forest. Numerous rock outcroppings can be seen along the road and in one place right in the road. Little Seneca Stream Valley Park is located on the west side of the road near the Little Seneca Creek crossing. This entire western portion is in the Agricultural Reserve.

The eastern portion of the road is in the developing corridor city of Germantown. Hoyles Mill Road is not a master-planned road in the Agricultural Reserve. Hoyles Mill Road will no longer directly connect Germantown to Boyds. Part of the road in Germantown is being rebuilt as part of Kings Crossing subdivision; the part near the Plan boundary will be removed.



Location Map 1



Roadway Characteristics:

Length:	2.8 miles
Width:	16 feet mostly gravel
Lanes:	no center line or edge markings
Shoulders:	none

LEGEND

★ Historic Resource

Rustic Roads Advisory Committee created in county code as part of the Rustic Roads Program

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Poolesville Day 2016

"There are many roads throughout Montgomery County which reflect the agricultural origins of the County, provide glimpses of its history, and afford views of scenic beauty and unusual roadside character. Many of these roads will be altered by the continued development of the County and its accompanying roadway construction and improvements unless protective measures are adopted. Montgomery County has established policies for the orderly growth by concentrating new urban development along chosen corridors separated by low density residential wedges and through programs for the preservation of agricultural and rural open space. We have now come to realize that these land use policies need to be reinforced by a Rural/Rustic Roads Program."

— Proposal for a Rural/Rustic Roads Program, March 1990

Who uses Rustic Roads?

Rustic residents, farmers, cyclists, equestrians, hikers, buses, fire trucks, local businesses, delivery trucks, historic trail followers, urban and suburban weekend-country drivers...and you.

Criteria for Rustic Roads

1. Located where natural, agricultural or historic features predominate and where master planned land use and zoning are compatible
2. Is a narrow road intended for local use
3. Is a low volume road
4. Has outstanding natural features, vistas, or provides access to historic resources, follows historic alignments, or highlights historic landscapes

...and does not suggest unsafe conditions

Why a Rustic Roads Program?

To preserve the rustic character of roads within Montgomery County and the surrounding area, which demonstrate specific rustic characteristics, significant features and scenic views unique to their designation.

History of the Rustic Roads Program

In 1993, the Montgomery County Council established the Montgomery County Rustic Roads Program in order to preserve the rustic character of designated County roads. The enactment of Montgomery County Code (Chapter 49, Article 8) established the basis for the program and for the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee (RRAC).

In 1996, the County Executive approved regulations providing guidelines for maintenance and improvements to the County's rustic roads. That same year, the County Council and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) adopted the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan, designating 68 roads in the County as rustic or exceptional rustic roads. Additional roads have been added since, increasing the total to 97 rustic and exceptional rustic roads.

Who is involved with Rustic Roads?

Montgomery County Planning Department (M-NCPPC)
Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)
Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS)
Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)
Rustic Roads Advisory Committee (RRAC)
Adopt A Rustic Road volunteers (thank you!)

For more information, visit the Rustic Roads webpage: http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan_areas/rural_area/rustic_roads.shtml



Rustic Roads Advisory Committee

Duties:

- Reviews road classifications
- Educates the public and promotes the program
- Reports to the planning board, county executive and council
- Advises on rustic road impacts during subdivision reviews



Logo Signs

Special brown street name signs are being installed to identify the rustic roads.



A group of five people and a black dog are walking along a paved path that winds through a dense, wooded area. The path is shaded by the surrounding trees. The people are dressed in casual attire, with several wearing bright yellow safety vests. One person in the foreground is wearing a grey t-shirt with a circular logo on the back. The dog is walking in the foreground, facing away from the camera. The overall scene suggests a site visit or a walk in a park-like setting.

RRAC coordinates with
agencies, residents and
applicants

RRAC site visit with MCDOT staff
West Old Baltimore Road, exceptional rustic

RRAC Membership

Farmers (3 members, 1 representing the Ag Advisory Committee)	Laura Van Etten (AAC) Todd Greenstone Lonnie Luther
Knowledge of rural preservation techniques	Dan Seamans
Knowledge of roadway engineering	Kamran Sadeghi
Civic assoc rep inside the Ag Reserve	Robert Wilbur
Civic assoc rep outside the Ag Reserve	Robert Tworkowski (chair)
Planning board appointee	Leslie Saville (non-voting member)

RRAC Awards

October 2018

Royce Hanson Award from
Montgomery Countryside
Alliance

April 2019

Montgomery Prize from
Montgomery Preservation Inc





Help Preserve Our
**HISTORIC
RURAL
RUSTIC
ROAD**
PLEASE
DRIVE • WALK • JOG • CYCLE
RESPONSIBLY

Batchellors Forest Road, rustic

Rustic Roads are designated heritage area resources



Lockhouse 25, C&O Canal
Edwards Ferry Road, exceptional rustic

Discussion item - community outreach

- RRAC outreach
- Photo contest
- Public meetings (e.g., citizens advisory boards)
- Focus meetings (e.g., farmers, church groups, cyclists)
- Interactive maps
- Online resources
- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

A photograph of a paved path winding through a winter landscape. The path is dark and appears to be made of asphalt or concrete, contrasting with the surrounding white snow. On either side of the path, there are numerous tall, slender trees without leaves, their dark trunks and branches reaching towards a clear blue sky. Long, soft shadows of the trees are cast across the snow. To the right of the path, a dark wooden fence runs parallel to it, separating the path from a snow-covered field. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

Staff recommendation:

- Provide input on the proposed outreach
- Approve the RRFMP Update Scope of Work

