SCOPE OF WORK

Moxley Road, rustic
Today:
• Overview
• Discuss outreach
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Big Woods Road, rustic
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.
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
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.
Mount Carmel Church Cemetery (1848)
Mount Carmel Cemetery Road, nominee
Ruins of a sandstone bank barn, former Sellman Farm
Mouth of Monocacy Road: exceptional rustic
Rustic roads lead to unusual and remarkable infrastructure.
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
Rustic roads are integral to the Ag Reserve and our working landscapes.
Mullinix Mill Road, nominee
Grain elevator
Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic
Soleado Farm driveway
West Harris Road, exceptional rustic
An orchard on the left and corn on the right. Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic.
Rustic roads are narrow, slow, shared roads.

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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.
Martinsburg Road, exceptional rustic
RRAC site visit
Sugarland Road, exceptional rustic
The original “road diet”
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An upcounty traffic calming technique?
Toad rescue

Undisclosed rustic road rescue by Caroline Taylor
A brief history
Rocklands Farm, Montevideo Road, exceptional rustic

1960s
1980s

Westerly Road, rustic
Community members did not want our remaining gravel roads to be paved.
And they did not want their one-lane bridges to be replaced—such as this one.
And this one.

1-lane bridge over Watts Branch Glen Road, exceptional rustic
Criteria for designations established in county code
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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 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.
Rustic Roads Advisory Committee created in county code as part of the Rustic Roads Program

RRAC members at Poolesville Day, 2016
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.
RRAC coordinates with agencies, residents and applicants
## RRAC Membership

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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
Rustic Roads are designated heritage area resources.
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
Staff recommendation:
- Provide input on the proposed outreach
- Approve the RRFMP Update Scope of Work