



# RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



October 12, 2021

Gwen Wright  
Director  
Montgomery County Planning Department  
2425 Reddie Drive, 14th Floor  
Wheaton, Maryland 20902

Re: Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan

Dear Director Wright:

We are enjoying working with your talented staff on the current Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan. The Committee held a special meeting (virtual) on September 16, 2021 to make recommendations for individual roads being reviewed as part of the Master Plan amendment. We voted on roads nominated for Rustic and Exceptional Rustic status, as well as roads currently in the Program as Rustic which the Committee believes are qualified for Exceptional Rustic status. Attached is our list of recommendations as of this date which were approved at the meeting. In making our determinations, the Committee has reviewed each road against the rustic and exceptional rustic criteria as provided in county code, and found them to be eligible as shown on the attached document.

For the three roads where we have indicated that we need additional information, we ask that staff provide us with information by October 31 so that we have time to drive and review these roads prior to voting on them at our final meeting of 2021 (December 2).

We are continuing to drive the roads, inventory them, and submit updates and driving experiences to the Planning Department for this project.

You may reach the Committee through our staff coordinator, Darcy Buckley, at [Darcy.Buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Darcy.Buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

Laura Van Etten, Chair

Committee Members: Dan Seamans,  
Robert Wilbur, Kamran Sadeghi,  
N. Anne Davies



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RECOMMENDATIONS ON MASTER PLAN ROAD STATUS  
Rustic Roads Advisory Committee Special Meeting, September 16, 2021

Roads Voted as NOT Rustic

Barnesville Rd (Bucklodge Rd to Clarksburg Rd) – high traffic volumes and not rustic in appearance  
Conoy Road -- not a public road  
Georgia Avenue -- both locations -- not timely; wait for Brookeville Bypass to be completed  
The Farm Road -- not a public road

Roads Approved as Rustic

Aitcheson Lane  
Brighton Dam Road (Bordly Road to New Hampshire Ave)  
Brown Church Road  
Bucklodge Road (MD 117)  
Dickerson Church Road  
Dickerson School Road  
Emory Church Road  
Halterman Road  
Kings Valley Road (Stringtown Road to Kingstead Road) (see also exceptional list)  
Lewisdale Road (Prices Distillery Road to County line)  
Mullinix Mill Road (Damascus Road MD 108 to Howard County line)  
Seneca Road (Rileys Lock Road to River Road)  
Sugarloaf Mountain Road  
Thurston Road

Roads Approved as Exceptional Rustic

Allnutt Road -- nominee  
Avoca Lane -- currently rustic  
Belle Cote Drive -- currently rustic  
Elton Farm Road -- currently rustic  
Gregg Road -- currently rustic  
Greenbridge Road -- nominee  
Holsey Road -- nominee  
Hyattstown Mill Road and Prescott Road -- currently rustic  
Kings Valley Road -- nominee (Kingstead Road to Bethesda Church Road) (see also rustic list)  
Mouth of Monocacy Road – correction to extents at east end  
Mt Carmel Cemetery Road -- nominee  
Old Bucklodge Lane -- currently rustic  
Riggs Road -- currently rustic  
Tucker Lane -- currently rustic  
Tschiffely Mill Road -- currently rustic

Roads needing determination

Nicholson Farm Lane -- nominee road, recommendation pending

Roads needing more information:

Awkard Lane -- Historic preservation staff verbally confirmed historic African American community. Request info from Planning on history. RRAC will review history and drive this road before finalizing a recommendation.

Holly Grove Road -- Possible historic African American community. Request info from Planning. RRAC will review history and drive this road before finalizing a recommendation.

Riding Stable Road -- Predominantly African American census tract. Request info from Planning related to equity considerations. RRAC first impression is that the road is over engineered, so it may not qualify for a rustic designation.