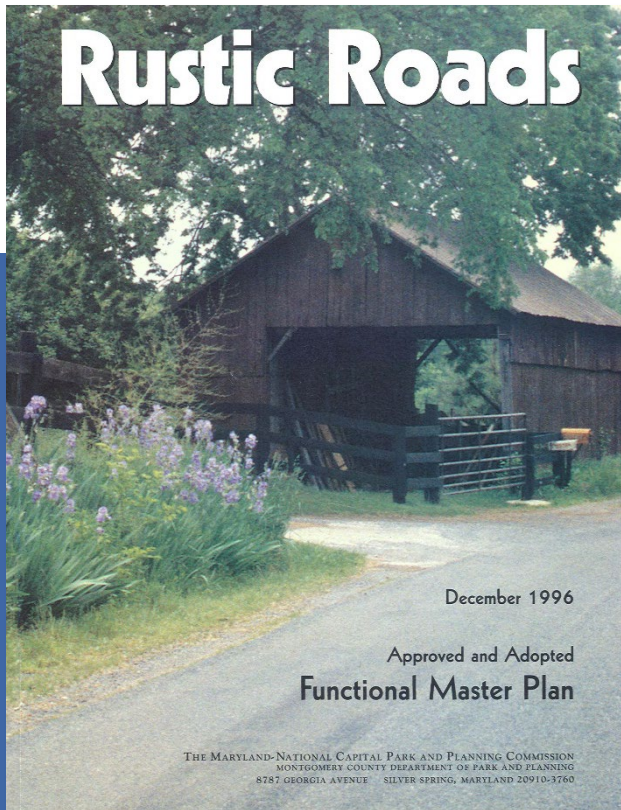


RUSTIC ROADS FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN UPDATE PLANNING BOARD BRIEFING



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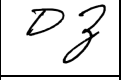

Rustic and exceptional rustic roads are historic and scenic roadways that reflect the agricultural character and rural origins of the county. The roadways provide the county with opportunities for heritage tours and economic development. The historic and cultural resources near the roads continue to be preserved for county residents and visitors to enjoy and explore. Preserving rustic roads is an important way to relay the county's history to future generations. The *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update* is the first comprehensive update to the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan* since the original plan was approved in 1996.

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SUMMARY

Planning Staff will present a brief summary of the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan* and review the planning process for master plans in general.

The *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update* is the first comprehensive update to the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan* since the original plan was approved in 1996.

This update to the 1996 *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan* has two main purposes:

1. to consider roads that have been nominated for inclusion in the Rustic Roads Program; and
2. to provide the necessary details for several roads that are currently in the program but have incomplete descriptions.

This plan also considers the programs and policies instrumental in the implementation of the program. The scope of work for the plan was approved by the Planning Board on February 6, 2020.

As part of this plan, existing road profiles were reviewed for changes, new maps were created, and an environment section was added. This update revises, to the extent practical, the descriptions of the significant features, history, traveling experience, environmental setting, and road characteristics of the existing rustic roads and provides new profiles for nominated rustic roads and those roads lacking a complete description. The plan also updates the *Master Plan of Highways and Transitways*.

Staff presented the Working Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update to the Planning Board on October 6, 2022. The Planning Board authorized staff to prepare the Public Hearing Draft and scheduled a Public Hearing for November 17, 2022, to take place at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Wheaton Headquarters Building at 2425 Reedie Drive in Wheaton, MD. A notice for the Public Hearing was published in the Washington Times on October 17, 2022.