Montgomery Planning RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION FOR THE RUSTIC ROADS FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN UPDATE



Exceptional Rustic Davis Mill Road

The Planning Board will review changes made to the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update through the County Council review and approval process and approve the Resolution of Adoption for transmission to the full Commission.

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This document contains the following information:

- A recommendation to approve the Resolution of Adoption of the Rustic Roads Function Master Plan Update to be transmitted to the Full Commission
- A list of plan topics discussed and amended through the County Council review and approval process

PLAN STATUS

The Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update ("RRFMP Update") is the first comprehensive update to the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan since the original plan was approved in 1996. The RRFMP Update had two main purposes:

- 1) to consider roads that had 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 had incomplete descriptions.

This plan also considered the programs and policies instrumental in the implementation of the program.

On February 9, 2023, the Planning Board voted to approve the Planning Board Draft of the RRFMP Update and to transmit the plan to the County Council. The Planning Board Draft was transmitted to the County Council on February 24, 2023. After receiving the Planning Board Draft, the following has occurred:

- 1) The County Council held a public hearing on April 18, 2023.
- 2) At the request of Council staff, the Montgomery County Planning Board voted on May 11, 2023, to recommend the introduction of a bill to enact revisions to Chapter 49 regarding the composition and duties of the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee as recommended in the Planning Board Draft of the RRFMP Update; the request was transmitted on May 17, 2023 and the bill was designated Bill 30-23.
- 3) The County Council introduced Bill 30-23 on June 20, 2023.
- 4) The County Council held a public hearing on Bill 30-23 on July 11, 2023.
- 5) The Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee held work sessions on the RRFMP Update and Bill 30-23 on July 17, 2023, and voted unanimously to approve the master plan and the bill, both with amendments.
- 6) The full County Council held a work session on July 25, 2023, to review and vote on the T&E Committee's recommended amendments to the RRFMP Update and Bill 30-23.
- 7) The full County Council voted unanimously on a resolution to approve the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update and Bill 30-23 with amendments on July 25, 2023.
- 8) Bill 30-23 became effective on November 6, 2023.

To fully adopt the RRFMP Update, the Montgomery County Planning Board is required to vote on a Resolution of Adoption, and then transmit the resolution to the Full Commission for approval of a Resolution of Adoption. The Montgomery County Planning Board Resolution of Adoption is Attachment A. The County Council Resolution of Approval is Attachment B.

COUNTY COUNCIL PLAN AMENDMENTS

The County Council approved the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update with the following amendments:

- 1) Reclassify Frederick Road (MD 355) between MD 109 and the Frederick County line from Rustic Road to Country Connector.
- 2) Reclassify Bentley Road from MD 108 to the Sandy Spring Museum entrance as a Country Road, not a Rustic Road.
- 3) Reclassify the northernmost 300' of Meeting House Road as a Country Road, not an Exceptional Rustic Road.
- 4) Classify Holsey Road as a Country Road, not a Rustic Road.
- 5) Do not reclassify Elton Farm Road from a Rustic Road to an Exceptional Rustic Road.
- 6) Revise Recommendation #2 to note that rustic roads will receive a level of maintenance to allow for safe travel for all users of the roads, and for operators of agricultural equipment in particular.
- 7) Note that the road and lane widths described in the Plan are approximations.
- 8) Delete the "Rustic Roads Advisory Committee Changes" section from the Planning Board Draft because the approval of Bill 30-23 makes the recommendations unnecessary.

In addition to these amendments, the Council recommended that, over the next year, Montgomery County DOT comprehensively review the Rustic Roads Program Method 2 Executive regulation—in consultation with Planning staff, the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Advisory Committee, and other stakeholders—and bring a revised regulation back to the Council in 2024.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Montgomery County Planning Board's Resolution of Adoption for Transmittal to the Full Commission.

NEXT STEPS

After the Planning Board's approval, the Full Commission will review the Resolution of Adoption at their December 20 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: MCPB Resolution Number 23-123, M-NCPPC Resolution Number 23-26
- Attachment B: Montgomery County Council Resolution 20-267
- Attachment C: Bill 30-23 Enacted

DRAFT NOT YET ADOPTED

MCPB NO. 23-123

M-NCPPC NO. 23-26

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, by virtue of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, is authorized and empowered, from time to time, to make and adopt, amend, extend and add to *Thrive Montgomery 2050*; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, pursuant to procedures set forth in the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 33A, held a duly advertised public hearing on November 17, 2022 on the Public Hearing Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update, being a comprehensive amendment to the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan (1996) and the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan, Clarksburg Master Plan, Hvattstown Special Study Area, Boyds Master Plan & Gaithersburg Vicinity Master Plan Amendment (2004), being also an amendment to portions of the following functional master plans: the Master Plan of Highways & Transitways (2018), the Bicycle Master Plan (2018), and Thrive Montgomery 2050 (2022); and to portions of the following area master plans: the Clarksburg Master Plan & Hyattstown Special Study Area (1994), the Fairland Master Plan (1997), the Cloverly Master Plan (1997), the Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan (1998), the Potomac Subregion Master Plan (2002), the Olney Master Plan (2005), the Damascus Master Plan (2006), the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan (2010), the Ten Mile Creek Area Limited Amendment (2014), the Sandy Spring Rural Village Plan (2015), the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan (2019), and the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan (2021); and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board, after said public hearing and due deliberation and consideration, on February 9, 2023, approved the Planning Board Draft of the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update*, recommended that it be approved by the Montgomery County Council sitting as the District Council for the portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District lying within Montgomery County (the "Montgomery County District Council"), and forwarded it to the Montgomery County Executive for recommendations and analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Executive reviewed and made recommendations on the Planning Board Draft of the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update* and forwarded those recommendations and analysis to the Montgomery County District Council on April 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County District Council held a public hearing on April 18, 2023, wherein testimony was received concerning the Planning Board Draft of the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update*; and

WHEREAS, the District Council, on July 25, 2023 approved the Planning Board Draft of the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update* subject to the modifications and revisions set forth in District Council Resolution No. 20-267.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Planning Board and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission do hereby adopt the said *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update*, together with *Thrive Montgomery 2050*, as amended, and as amendment to portions of the following functional master plans: the *Master Plan of Highways & Transitways* (2018), the *Bicycle Master Plan* (2018), the *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan* (2023); as well as to portions of the following area master plans: the *Clarksburg Master Plan & Hyattstown Special Study Area* (1994), the *Fairland Master Plan* (1997), the *Cloverly Master Plan* (1997), the *Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan* (1998), the *Potomac Subregion Master Plan* (2002), the *Olney Master Plan* (2005), the *Damascus Master Plan* (2006), the *Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan* (2010), the *Ten Mile Creek Area Limited Amendment* (2014), the *Sandy Spring Rural Village Plan* (2015), the *MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan* (2019), and the *Ashton Village Center Sector Plan* (2021); and as approved by the District Council in the attached Resolution No. 20-267; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of said *Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update* must be certified by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, as required by law.

> Artie Harris, Chair Montgomery County Planning Board

_____, ____, voting in favor of the motion, at its meeting held on Wednesday, December 20, in Riverdale, Maryland.

Executive Director

Approved for Legal Sufficiency Date Office of the General Counsel, M-NCPPC Name:

Resolution No.:	20-267
Introduced:	July 25, 2023
Adopted:	July 25, 2023

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

5 6 7 By: County Council 8 9 10 SUBJECT: Approval of Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update 11 12 1. On February 24, 2023, the Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted to the County 13 Executive and the County Council the February 2023 Planning Board Draft of the Rustic 14 Roads Functional Master Plan Update. 15 16 2. The February 2023 Planning Board Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update 17 contains the text and supporting maps for a comprehensive amendment to the approved and 18 adopted 1996 Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan, as amended. It also amends the Master 19 Plan of Highways & Transitways, as amended, and Thrive Montgomery 2050 (2022). This 20 plan also amends the following area master plans, as amended: Clarksburg Master Plan & 21 Hyattstown Special Study Area (1994), Fairland Master Plan (1997), Cloverly Master Plan 22 (1997), Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan (1998), Potomac Subregion Master Plan (2002), 23 Olney Master Plan (2005), Damascus Master Plan (2006), Great Seneca Science Corridor 24 Master Plan (2010), 10 Mile Creek Area Limited Amendment (2014), Sandy Spring Rural 25 Village Plan (2015), MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan (2019), and the Ashton Village 26 Center Sector Plan (2021). 27 28 3. On April 18, 2023, the County Council held a public hearing on the February 2023 Planning 29 Board Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update, which was referred to the 30 Council's Transportation and Environment Committee for review and recommendations. 31

- On July 17, 2023, the Transportation and Environment Committee held a work session to
 review the February 2023 Planning Board Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan
 Update.
- Son July 25, 2023, the County Council reviewed the February 2023 Planning Board Draft of
 the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update and the recommendations of the
 Transportation and Environment Committee.
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41 42	<u>Action</u>				
43 44 45 46	The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:				
47 48 49 50	The Planning Board Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update, dated February 2023, is approved with revisions. County Council revisions to the Planning Board Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update are identified below. Deletions to the text of the Plan are indicated by [brackets], additions by <u>underscoring</u> .				
51 52 53 54		rences in this section are to Volume I: The Plan of the February 2023 Planning of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update.			
55 56 57	Page 6	Revise the third paragraph of the "Rustic Roads Program in County Code" section as follows:			
57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70		Article 8 also defines the membership and duties of the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee. The committee is currently composed of [seven] <u>nine</u> citizen members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. [In an effort to increase the diversity of the Committee, this plan recommends increasing the membership to nine and reconfiguring the membership criteria. See the Implementation chapter for more details about the proposed membership changes.] The RRAC reviews and advises the County Executive, County Council, Planning Board, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Department of Permitting Services, and other county agencies on matters concerning rustic roads. Members review and comment upon roadway classifications, policies, subdivision applications, and regulations and promote public awareness of the Rustic Roads Program.			
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78	Page 10	Revise the first sentence of the second paragraph in the "Thrive Montgomery 2050" section as follows:[The current draft of] <i>Thrive Montgomery 2050</i> maintains agriculture as the primary land use in the Agricultural Reserve but supports maximizing the benefits of the Reserve to all county residents by providing numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation and agritourism.			
78 79 80 81 82	Page 11	Remove the last sentence: [The SRT also included a walking tour along rustic Frederick Road in Hyattstown.]			
83 84 85	Page 15	Revise the last sentence of the "Equity" section as follows:			

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86		[Changes] Due to recommendations in earlier drafts of this plan, the County
87 88		<u>Council enacted changes</u> to the membership criteria for the Rustic Roads
89		Advisory Committee [proposed in this plan are] intended to increase the diversity of the Committee.
90		of the Committee.
91	Page 22	Revise the first sentence under "(2) Is a narrow road intended for predominantly
92		local use" as follows:
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94		The roadway width for roads that are recommended as rustic varies from 10 feet
95		for a small gravel road such as Tschiffely Mill Road to [22] 24.5 feet for Old
96		Hundred Road (MD 109).
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98	Page 22	Revise the final paragraph on page 22 as follows:
99 100		
100 101		The 1996 RRFMP established a general guideline of a maximum of 3,000 trips (specified as "average annual daily traffic" or AADT) for a rustic road, although
101		other criteria can have more weight when classifying the roads. [A few existing
102		rustic roads have counts higher than this, notably those in the Potomac Subregion,
103		where some roads have higher counts due to the two-lane road policy in that
105		area.] The five roads in the program at the outset of this master plan update that
106		exceed 3,000 AADT are shown in Table 1.
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108	Page 23	Revise the text following Table 1, Roads with High Traffic Counts, as follows:
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110		In part due to their high traffic counts, this plan removes Frederick Road and a
111		segment of Old Hundred Road from the Rustic Roads Program. [These] The
112		traffic counts [and the road segments they apply to] for these two roads are
113 114		discussed in the [individual road profiles] individual road recommendations; Glen Road is discussed below.
114		<u>Koau is uiscusseu below</u> .
116	Page 23	Revise the first sentence of the third paragraph as follows:
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118		The rustic segment of Glen Road has [one of] the highest traffic count[s] of the
119		rustic roads, with a 2019 AADT count of [5031] 5,031 trips, which is
120		considerably higher than the 3,000-trip threshold used in the 1996 Rustic Roads
121		Functional Master Plan.
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123	Page 26	Revise the second sentence of the paragraph between Tables 2 and 3 as follows:
124		Out of the 10 nominated mode not never ad from consideration [only Diding
125 126		Out of the 19 nominated roads not removed from consideration, [only Riding Stable Road, the nominated section of Brighton Dam Road,] three roads and one
120		portion of Kings Valley Road are not recommended as rustic or exceptional
127		rustic.
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130	Pages 26-27	Revise the following row in Table 3, Recommendations for Nominated Roads:
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Road Name	Area	Extents	Recommendation
Holsey Road	Damascus	Ridge Road (MD 27) to end of county maintenance	[Rustic] <u>Do not designate</u> rustic
0	Revise the first senten follows:	ce of the "Roads with No Ma	ajor Changes" section as
	minor changes that do	one of the 99 roads currently not affect their designation i	1 0 .
	significant features.		
Pages 28-29	0	s with No Major Changes, to	remove Bentley Road and

Road Name	Extent Changing	Old Extent	New Extent
Bentley Road	Southern	Olney-Sandy Spring	Sandy Spring Museum entry
		<u>Road (MD 108)</u>	drive
Meeting House	Northern	Olney-Sandy Spring	CRN/R-200 boundary on the
Road		Road (MD 108)	east side of the road

 Pages 30-31 Revise Table 6, Rustic Roads with Incomplete Descriptions, for Frederick Road (MD 355) as follows:

Road Name	Classification	Extents	Notes		
Clarksburg Master Plan and Hyattstown Special Study Area (1994)					
(pp. 126-130)	and appendix pp. 34-42)			
Frederick	Rustic	Between recommended	[In Hyattstown		
Road (MD		Hyattstown Bypass intersections	Historic District]		
355)			Recommended for		
			<u>removal</u>		

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151	Page 31	Revise the first sentence as follows:
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153		Complete road profiles were written for each of these roads recommended to
154		remain in the program and the blue page symbol shown above appears at the top
155		of the profile.
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157	Page 32	Revise the first sentence of the second full paragraph as follows:
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159		[Two] Three roads lacking a complete description, Frederick Road, Link Road,
160		and Boswell Lane, are recommended for removal from the program as discussed
161		[below] in the recommendations for individual roads.
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163	Pages 32-33	Revise Table 7, Roads with Changes to Significant Features, to add the following
164		row:
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	F	Road Name	Master Plan	_
	Elton Farm	Road	Rustic Roads	
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167 168 169	Pages 33-34	Revise Table 8, Rustic I Farm Road.	Roads Recommend as Exceptional Rust	ic, to remove Elton
170 171 172	Page 34	Revise the final sentence Program as follows:	ce of the paragraph under Roads to Be R	emoved from the
173 174 175 176			in Table [7] <u>9</u> along with their recomme code types;] the <i>Complete Streets Design</i> to shown].	
177 178 179	Page 34	Revise the title of Table the Program as follows:	e 9, Roads Currently Recommended to E :	Be Removed from
180 181		Table 9, Roads [Curren	tly Recommended] to Be Removed from	n the Program
182 183		Remove the "Recomme	ended Classification" column.	
184 185		Revise Table 9 to add o	or revise the following rows:	

	Road Nam	ne Master Plan	Current Designation	Complete Streets Design Guide Class.	
	Frederick Ro	ad <u>Clarksburg</u>	<u>Rustic</u>	Country Connector	
	<u>(MD 355)</u>				
	Link Road	Cloverly	Rustic	[Unclassified] Country Road	
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187	Page 35	Revise Figure 4, 1	Rustic Roads as F	Recommended, to reflect the final sta	tus of
188		roads in the plan.			
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190	Pages 36-43	Revise Table 10,	Summary of Crite	eria Evaluation of Existing and Nom	inated
191		Rustic Roads, as t	follows:		
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193		Revise the third c	olumn header of	Table 10 as follows:	
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195		Natural, agricultu	ral, or historic fea	atures are predominant <u>; compatible l</u>	and use
196		goals and zoning			

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98	Revise the following rows in Ta	able 1	0:		Ducti				_		
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Adopted as Rustic (R) or Exceptional Rustic (E)	Road Name	Natural, agricultural, or historic features are predominant	Narrow, intended for local use	Traffic volume consistent with rustic road	Has outstanding natural features along its borders, such as native vegetation, stands of trees, stream valleys	b Has outstanding vistas of farm fields and rural landscape or buildings	Provides access to historic resources, follows historic alignments, or highlights historic landscapes	Crash history does not suggest unsafe conditions	Significant contribution to natural, agricultural, or historic characteristics	B Has unusual features found on few other roads in the county	More negatively affected by modifications than would most other roads in the program
	Bentley Road: Sandy Spring Museum entry drive										
R	to end of road	~	\checkmark	✓	✓	~	\checkmark	✓			\checkmark
[E] <u>R</u>	Elton Farm Road	~	~	~	~		✓	~	~	[•]	~
[R]	Frederick Road (MD 355): Old Hundred Road (MD 109) to Frederick County line	~	[⁄]				✓	~	~		✓
[R]	Holsey Road	[⁄]	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
E	Meeting House Road: [Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108)] CRN/R-200 boundary on east side of road to end of county maintenance	~	~	~	~	✓	✓	~	~	~	~

200 Pages 44-45 Revise the following rows in Table 11, Exceptional Rustic Road Classifications:

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Road Designation	Road Name	Limits	Min. ROW Width
[E-28	Elton Farm Road	Entire road: Howard Chapel Road to end of road	80']
E-34	Meeting House Road	[Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108)] <u>CRN/R-200 boundary on the east side of</u> <u>the road</u> to end of county maintenance	60'

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203 Update all Road Designations as appropriate.

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205 Pages 45-48 Revise the following rows in Table 12, Rustic Road Classifications:

Road Designation	Road Name	Limits	Min. ROW Width
R-78	Bentley Road	[Entire road: Olney-Sandy Spring Rd (MD 108)] <u>Sandy Spring Museum entry drive</u> to end of the road	70'
<u>R-?</u>	Elton Farm Road	Entire road: Howard Chapel Road to end of road	<u>70'</u>
[R-54	Frederick Road (MD 355)	Old Hundred Road (MD 109) to Frederick County line	80']
[R-68	Holsey Road	Entire road: Ridge Road (MD 27) to end of county maintenance	70']

Update all Road Designations as appropriate.

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Page 49 Add the following rows to Table 13, Other Roadway Classification: 211

	Map Key	Road Name	Limits	Min. ROW Width			
			Country Connector				
	CC-?	Frederick Road (MD 355)	Old Hundred Road (MD 109) to Frederick County line	60'			
	Country Road						
	CR-?	Bentley Road	Olney-Sandy Spring Rd (MD 108) to Sandy Spring Museum entry drive	70'			
	CR-?	Holsey Road	Entire road: Ridge Road (MD 27) to end of county maintenance	70'			
	CR-?	Meeting House Road	Olney-Sandy Spring Rd (MD 108) to the CRN/R-200 boundary on the east side of the road	60'			
212 213 214		Update all Map Keys as appropriate.					
215 216 217	Page 50	Revise Figure 5, Roadway Classifications, to reflect the final status of roads in the plan.					
217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225	Page 51	Revise the "Rustic Roads Advisory Committee" section to reflect the changes approved by Bill 30-23.					
	Page 52	Remove the final sentence from the "Rustic Roads Advisory Committee" section:					
		[See the recommendat membership and defin	tions below for proposed changes to the Commed responsibilities.]	nittee's			
226 227	Page 53 Revise under Recommendation 2 the first sentence of the proposed Executive						

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229		A rustic or exceptional rustic road will receive the level of maintenance as
230		necessary to ensure its continued viability as a transportation facility and to allow
231		for safe travel by all users of the road, and by agricultural equipment in
232		particular.
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234	Pages 58-59	Remove the "Rustic Roads Advisory Committee Changes" section. Renumber
235		any recommendations that follow this section.
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237	Page 64	Remove the "Appendixes" heading from above the Individual Road
238		Recommendations section so that it is the final section of the previous chapter
239		rather than a plan appendix.
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241	Page 66	Revise the first recommendation for Batchellors Forest Road as follows:
242	1 490 00	
243		Update western extent to the Washington Christian Academy entry drive.
244		Reclassify the segment between Georgia Avenue and the entry drive as a
245		neighborhood connector.
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240	Page 68	Revise recommendation for Bentley Road as follows:
248	1 age 00	Revise recommendation for Dentrey Road as follows.
240		[No new recommendations.]
250		[10 new recommendations.]
250		Recommendation:
252		<u>Recommendation</u> .
252		• Update southern extent to the Sandy Spring Museum entry drive
255		(approximately 265 feet north of Olney-Sandy Spring Road [MD 108]).
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255 256		Reclassify Bentley Road as a country road south of the museum entry
		drive.
257		Ear the first 200 feat north of MD 108 the monanty on the west side of
258 259		For the first 200 feet north of MD 108, the property on the west side of
		Bentley Road is in the CRN zone. It is occupied by a gas station, food
260		market, and auto mechanic shop, with the latter two in a three-story
261 262		building resembling a small office building. There is concrete curbing
		along the gas station property. Immediately to the north of the service
263		station, the land is zoned RE-1 and within the Sandy Spring/Ashton Rural
264		<u>Village Overlay zone.</u>
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266		The Sandy Spring Museum entry drive is on the east side of Bentley Road
267		approximately 265 feet north of the center of its intersection with MD 108.
268		This is the only vehicular entrance to the museum's parking lot, which
269		currently has 35 spaces but has been approved for a total of 47. A new
270		exit-only connection from the Sandy Spring Museum parking lot onto
271		Bentley Road has been approved approximately 600 feet north of MD 108.
272		The museum property and the remainder of the properties along Bentley
273		Road north of the service station are in the RC zone.

274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286		The new northern exit point from the parking lot is only expected to be used to assist with circulation for occasional events and is not expected to generate large volumes of traffic on a regular basis. On the other hand, the CRN zoning, the service station and office building, and the presence of concrete curbing on the southernmost segment of the road indicate a land use and zoning designation that are incompatible with rural character. Although the Sandy Spring Museum does not generate much daily traffic, the many events throughout the year indicate that the initial segment of the road is not intended only to serve local traffic. The rustic road should begin past the museum entry drive. The segment south of the entry drive should be reclassified as a country road.
286 287	Page 68	Revise recommendation for Boswell Road as follows:
288 289 290 291		Remove the road from the Rustic Roads program. <u>Reclassify Boswell Road as a neighborhood connector.</u>
292	Page 69	Revise the final sentence of the Boswell Road recommendation as follows:
293 294 295 296		The road should be reclassified [primary residential] as a neighborhood <u>connector</u> .
297	Page 70	Revise the first recommendation for Brookeville Road as follows:
298 299 300 301		Update eastern extent to new roundabout at the Brookeville Bypass. <u>Reclassify</u> the segment between the roundabout and old MD 97 as a country road.
301 302 303	Page 73	Revise the first recommendation for Dustin Road as follows:
303 304 305 306 307		Update the eastern extent of Dustin Road to the roundabout at Old Columbia Pike. <u>Reclassify the segment between the roundabout and Columbia Pike (US 29) as a</u> <u>country road.</u>
308 309 310 311	Page 74	Replace the "change classification" symbol with a "revised significant feature" symbol for the second Elton Farm Road recommendation. Revise the second recommendation as follows:
312 313		• [Change designation from rustic to exceptional rustic.
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321 Both the paved and unpaved sections of this road wind gently through the 322 natural environment while offering views of the countryside and historic 324 resources. The road has a gravel surface for about half its length. Although 325 gravel surfaces are typically noted as significant features of rustic and 326 exceptional rustic roads, one section of the gravel portion of Elton Farm Road 327 has proved to be particularly problematic whenever there is a heavy rainstorm, 328 requiring repeated trips by maintenance crews every vear to repair the 330 reduce maintenance problems, such work requires protecting the significant 331 features of the road, which would be difficult if the significant feature were 332 the road surface itself. 333 Elton Farm Road is a narrow, mostly one-lane road winding through wooded 335 areas and along tree-lined fields. These trees and the width of the road are a 336 added as a significant feature. 337 added as a significant feature. 338 Page 74 Revise recommendation for Frederick Road (MD 355) as follows: 340 • [Approve the new road profile and significant features. 341 • [Approve the new road profile and significant features.	319 320		• <u>Replace "unpaved road" with "narrow road with trees close to road" as a significant feature of the road.</u>
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375 376 377 378 379 380 381 382		The rustic designation of Frederick Road is entirely within the Hyattstown Historic District, which largely controls the streetscape. Because it is unlikely that the transportation projects recommended in the 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan will be built in the foreseeable future and the non-local traffic volume is high, the road fails to meet the criteria for a rustic classification and should be reclassified as a country connector, consistent with the classification of MD 355 south of MD 109.
383 384 385	Page 68	Revise recommendation for Georgia Avenue (MD 97) as follows:Do not designate Georgia Avenue rustic near Brookeville.
386 387 388 389 390 391 392 393 394 395 396 397 398		Two short segments of Georgia Avenue were suggested as rustic roads, one on either side of the Town of Barnesville limits and the access points for the Brookeville Bypass, [currently under construction] <u>which was opened for</u> <u>traffic between the approval of the Planning Board Draft of the plan and</u> <u>consideration of the plan by the County Council</u> . The [idea is that the] Bypass will carry a majority of the traffic, leaving a much lower traffic volume entering and leaving historic Brookeville. This idea should be reconsidered once the Bypass has been completed <u>and new traffic patterns have been</u> <u>established</u> in order to determine if the remaining parts of "Old" Georgia Avenue, <u>called "High Street" in the Town of Brookeville</u> , meet the criteria for a rustic designation.
399 400 401	Page 78	Revise recommendation for Holsey Road as follows: [Designate Holsey Road rustic.]
402 403		Do not designate Holsey Road rustic.
404 405 406 407 408 409 410		Area residents, some of whom are descended from the early inhabitants of Holsey Road and nearby Friendship, an African American kinship community, expressed a desire to improve properties along Holsey Road in the future and voiced concerns that a rustic designation would preclude such improvements as widening, drainage, sidewalks, and lighting. One person expressed additional concerns regarding safety and fire and rescue access because of the narrow road

411		and curves with limited sight distance, especially given an increase in delivery
412		trucks on the road.
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414		The first part of Holsey Road has an industrial character because of the land use
415		on the south side of the road. This is followed by several houses, some modern in
416		appearance. The rustic character of the road begins about 1,000 feet east of Ridge
417		Road (MD 27), leaving approximately half a mile of road eligible for a rustic
418		classification. However, because residents in the area have indicated a desire to
419		improve the properties along the road, including improvements to the roadway
420		itself, a rustic designation is not appropriate for Holsey Road.
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422	Page 81	Revise the first recommendation for Johnson Road as follows:
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424		Clarify the eastern extent of Johnson Road to begin at the entry drive to James
425		Hubert Blake High School. <u>Reclassify the segment between the entry drive and</u>
426		Norwood Road as a neighborhood connector.
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428	Page 82	Revise recommendation for Link Road as follows:
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430		Remove the road from the Rustic Roads program. Reclassify Link Road as a
431		<u>country road.</u>
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433	Page 83	Revise the final sentence of the Link Road recommendation as follows:
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435		The road should [revert to unclassified] be reclassified as a country road.
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437	Page 83	Revise recommendation for Meeting House Road as follows:
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439		[No new recommendations.]
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441		Recommendation:
		<u>Recommendation.</u>
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443		• <u>Update the northern extent of the exceptional rustic classification to the</u>
444		CRN/R-200 boundary on the east side of the road (approximately 300 feet
445		south of Olney-Sandy Spring Road [MD 108]). Reclassify Meeting House
446		Road as a country road north of this boundary.
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448		The properties on both sides of Meeting House Road are zoned CRN south of
449		MD 108—for approximately 300 feet on the east side and 600 feet on the west
450		side. The road and property along its west side are also in the Sandy Spring
451		Historic District, which continues to the south on the Sandy Spring Friends
452		Meeting House property. There is a parking lot along the east side of the road
453		that serves the commercial uses in the former fire station on the southeast
455		corner of the intersection. There is a parking lot entry drive on the west side of
455 456		Meeting House Road approximately 100 feet south of MD 108 that serves the
456		uses on the west side of the road. The building in the southwest corner of MD

457 458 459 460 461 462 463 464 465 466 467 468 469 470		 108 and Meeting House Road and the larger building fronting Meeting House Road were both included in an application in 2021 to adaptively reuse both buildings as part of a 56-unit age-restricted housing community. Concrete curbs line both sides of Meeting House Road past the entry on the west, while on the east side the parking lot merges with the street for another 80 feet, followed by a short section of fence partially concealing trash receptacles. Although it is within the CRN zone, the design of the building and grounds on the west side of the road here help reinforce the historic character of the road and contribute to the experience of Meeting House Road as an exceptional rustic road, but the retail-serving parking lot and land use on the east side detract from that character. The exceptional rustic road should begin past the CRN-zoned property on the east side of the road. The segment north of the CRN/R-200 boundary should be reclassified as a country road.
471 472	Page 87	Revise the second recommendation for Old Hundred Road (MD 109) as follows:
473 474 475 476		Update the northern extent of the rustic portion of the road to end at Peach Tree Road instead of Frederick Road (MD 355). <u>Reclassify this segment of Old Hundred Road as a country connector.</u>
477 478 479 480	Page 87	Revise the final sentence of the Old Hundred Road (MD 109) recommendations as follows:
481 482 483 484		The road segment should be reclassified [as an arterial road in the <i>Master Plan of Highways</i> and] as a country connector [road per the <i>Complete Streets Design Guidelines</i>].
485 486	Page 91	Revise recommendation for Schaeffer Road as follows:
480 487 488 489 490		Update the eastern extent of Schaeffer Road so that it ends at Burdette Lane. <u>Reclassify the segment between the entry drive and Burdette Lane as a</u> <u>neighborhood connector.</u>
491 492	Page 92	Revise recommendation for Stringtown Road as follows:
492 493 494 495 496		Update the southern extent of Stringtown Road from Snowden Farm Parkway to the Cedarbrook Community Church entry drive. <u>Reclassify the segment between</u> the entry drive and Snowden Farm Parkway as a neighborhood connector.
490 497 498 499	Page 98	Add an "Appendixes" heading to make "Chapter 49, Article 8. Rustic Roads Program" the first plan appendix.
499 500 501 502	Page 98	Update the appendix "Chapter 49, Article 8. Rustic Roads Program" to indicate the changes to the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee enacted by Bill 30-23.

Page 14	Resolution No.: 20-267
Page 120	Revise fold-out map Rustic Roads as Recommended to reflect the final status of roads in the plan.
Page 121	Revise fold-out map Roadway Classifications to reflect the final status of roads in the plan.
Page 122	Revise fold-out Roadway Classifications Map Key to reflect the final status of roads in the plan.
Pages 120-12	22 Rearrange the fold-out maps and map key so that the Roadway Classifications map and key are on facing pages, with the Rustic Roads as Recommended map following.
10	rences in this section are to Volume II: Road Profiles of the February 2023 Planning of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update.
Page 2	Revise the second sentence in the "Road Characteristics" section as follows:
	The width shown in the table is <u>approximate and is</u> frequently expressed as a range because road widths vary throughout their length <u>and roadway edges are</u> <u>sometimes buried beneath foliage or have deteriorated</u> .
Page 33	Add the following sentence to the end of the introductory text of the road profile for Bentley Road:
	This plan removes the rustic designation between Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108) and the Sandy Spring Museum entry drive.
Page 33	Revise the second paragraph of the Travelling Experience for Bentley Road as follows:
	A gas station sits close to the road on the west side and the Sandy Spring Museum is located behind groups of trees to the east; the rustic section of the road begins at the museum's entry drive.
Page 34	Revise the Road Characteristics table for Bentley Road as follows:
Extents	[Entire road: Olney-Sandy Spring Rd (MD 108)] <u>Sandy Spring Museum entry</u> <u>drive (approximately 265 feet north of Olney-Sandy Spring Road [MD 108])</u> to end of the road
Length	[0.49] 0.44 miles
Width	10-18 feet
Surface	Paved
Lanes	No centerline or edge markings
Shoulders	None

541 542	Page 35	Revise the map of Bentley Road to reflect the new southern extent.
543 544 545 546	Page 104	At the top of the road profile for Elton Farm Road, indicate that the road is a rustic road rather than an exceptional rustic road. Remove the "changed classification" symbol and add a "revised significant features" symbol. Remove the following line from the introductory text:
547 548 549		[This plan reclassifies this road exceptional rustic.]
550 551	Page 104	Revise the first significant feature of Elton Farm Road as follows:
552 553		[Unpaved road] Narrow road with trees close to road
554 555	Page 106	Revise the map of Elton Farm Road to show the road as rustic.
556 557	Page 111-113	Remove the road profile for Frederick Road.
558 559	Page 154-157	Remove the road profile for Holsey Road.
560 561 562	Page 158	Revise the fourth sentence of the Travelling Experience in the Howard Road profile as follows:
563 564 565		South of its intersection with Elton Farm Road ([an exceptional] <u>a</u> rustic road), the Royer-Brooks Farm (Master Plan Historic Site $\#23/12$) is located on the west side of the road.
566 567 568	Page 206	Add the following sentence to the end of the introductory text of the road profile for Meeting House Road:
569 570 571 572		This plan removes the exceptional rustic designation between Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108) and the CRN/R-200 boundary on the east side of the road.
573 574	Page 206	Revise the second sentence of the Travelling Experience for Meeting House Road as follows:
575 576 577 578 579 580		<u>The exceptional rustic designation begins after the parking lot behind the former</u> <u>fire station on the left.</u> [Passing those and] <u>Past</u> the Montgomery Mutual Building, the pavement narrows and the road enters the Sandy Spring Meeting property; the 1859 "Lyceum" and newer Community House and cemetery are on the east, with a former county-champion tulip poplar in the cemetery visible from the road.
581 582 583	Page 207	Revise the Road Characteristics table for Meeting House Road as follows:

Extents	[Olney-Sandy Spring Road (MD 108)] CRN/R-200 boundary on the east side of				
	the road (approximately 300 feet south of Olney-Sandy Spring Road [MD 108]) to				
	end of county maintenance				
Length [0.41] <u>0.35</u> miles					
Width 12-20 feet					
Surface Paved					
Lanes	No center line or edge markings				
Shoulders	None				
Page 208	Revise the map of Meeting House Road to reflect the new northern extent.				
Page 239	Revise the last sentence of the History section in the Mullinix Mill Road profile a follows:				
	Local tradition holds that families formerly enslaved by Asbury Mullinix were the first settlers along Holsey Road [(a rustic road)] in the early- to mid-19th century.				
	General				
All illustrations and tables included in the Plan will be revised to reflect the District Council					
changes to the Planning Board Draft of the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan Update					
8	(February 2023). The text and graphics will be revised as necessary to achieve and improve				
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606 Clerk of the Council

Bill No. <u>30-23</u>					
Concerning: Rustic Roads Program -					
Rustic Roads Advisory Committee					
Revised: <u>7/26/2023</u> Draft No. <u>4</u>					
Introduced: June 20, 2023					
Enacted: July 25, 2023					
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Effective: November 6, 2023					
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President Glass at the request of the Planning Board

AN ACT to:

- (1) amend Chapter 49 to revise the composition of the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee;
- (2) specify additional duties of the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee; and
- (3) generally amend Chapter 49 regarding the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee.

By amending

Montgomery County Code Chapter 49, Streets and Road Sections 49-77 and 49-80

Heading or defined term.
Added to existing law by original bill.
Deleted from existing law by original bill.
Added by amendment.
Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.
Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1	Sec. 1. Sections 49-77 and 49-80 are amended as follows:			
2	ARTICLE 8. RUSTIC ROADS PROGRAM			
3	* * *			
4	49-77. Definitions.			
5	In this Article, the following terms have the meanings indicated:			
6	Committee means the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee.			
7	Commodity farmer means a person engaged in the production of at least 100 acres of			
8	field crops such as corn, soybeans, barley, and wheat, or forage crops such as hay,			
9	requiring the use of large commercial equipment for planting, nutrient application, pest			
10	management, and harvesting.			
11	Exceptional rustic road means an existing public road or road segment which is so			
12	classified under Section 49-78.			
13	Public utility means any private company or public agency that is regulated as a public			
14	utility under state law, or otherwise provides water, sewer, electric, gas, telephone, or			
15	cable service (as defined in Chapter 8A) in the County.			
16	Rustic road means an existing public road or road segment which is so classified under			
17	Section 49-78.			
18	[[Table crop farmer means a person who grows crops or raises animals for the purpose			
19	of producing food items that are customarily consumed directly by humans, including			
20	but not limited to fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood, dairy, eggs, honey, pulses, and			
21	grains.]]			
22	* * *			
23	49-80. Rustic Roads Advisory Committee.			
24	(a) Membership. The County Executive must appoint, subject to			
25	confirmation by the County Council, a Rustic Roads Advisory			
26	Committee. In making appointments, the Executive [[should]] must			
27	strive to achieve diversity on the Committee in support of racial equity			

28	and social justice. The Committee has [7] 9 voting members. Each		
29	member must be a resident of the County. The Executive should appoint:		
30	(1) [3] three members who [are owner-operators of] operate		
31	commercial farmland earning 50 percent or more of their income		
32	from <u>direct involvement in commodity</u> farming[,];		
33	(2) one [of whom] <u>member who</u> is a representative of the Agricultural		
34	Advisory Committee and has been recommended to the Executive		
35	by the AAC;		
36	[(2)](3) one member who knows rural preservation techniques		
37	through practical experience and training;		
38	[(3)](4) one member who knows roadway engineering through		
39	practical experience and training; and		
40	[(4) one member who represents civic associations located in the		
41	Agricultural Reserve; and		
42	(5) one member who represents civic associations in areas located		
43	outside the Agricultural Reserve where there are rustic roads.]		
44	(5) three at-large members who do not satisfy the requirements of		
45	subsections (a)(1) through (a)(4) above, to be drawn from [[other]]		
46	frequent users of rustic roads. [[The Executive should strive to		
47	include a table crop farmer or an operator of an agritourism		
48	business.]] [[Examples of the at-large members include: a table		
49	crop farmer who does not earn more than 50 percent of their		
50	income from farming; an expert in tourism or historic sites along		
51	the roads; a member of a religious institution on a rustic road; an		
52	operator of an agritourism business, such as a winery, brewery,		
53	farm stand, or recreation or entertainment venue on a rustic road;		
54	or a person who regularly uses the roads to engage in or reach		

55		places for outdoor recreation, such as to bike, boat, kayak, hike,				
56		fish, ride horses, or go birding.]]				
57		* * *				
58	(e)	Duties. The Committee must:				
59		(1) promote public awareness and knowledge of the County rustic				
60		roads program;				
61		(2) review and comment on classification of rustic roads and				
62		exceptional rustic roads;				
63		3) review and provide comme	ents on subdivision applications when			
64		the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations conflict with this				
65		Article or Executive Regulations;				
66		(4) review and provide commer	review and provide comments on proposed improvements to rustic			
67		<u>roads;</u>	roads;			
68		5) review and provide comme	review and provide comments on proposed signs within the right-			
69		<u>of-way of a rustic road;]]</u>	<u>of-way of a rustic road;]]</u>			
70		(4) <u>other duties as required by Executive Regulations;</u>				
71		[(3)][[(6)]](5) review and comment on Executive Regulations and				
72		other County policies and programs that may affect the rustic roads				
73		program; and				
74		(4)][[<u>(7)]](6)</u> report on June	e 1 of each even numbered year to the			
75		Executive, the Council, and the Planning Board on the status of the				
76		rustic roads program.				

BILL NO. 30-23

Approved:

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Evan Glass, President, County Council

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Marc Elrich, County Executive

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Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

August 7, 2023

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