

**Goochland County Policy for Designating Roadways Under
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

Rural Rustic Roads Program



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What is the Rural Rustic Road Program?

The Rural Rustic Road Program (also, Unpaved Road or Pave-In-Place) is a VDoT program for paving public low-volume gravel roads. A candidate road is typically a fairly straight gravel road in good enough condition to install a hard surface treatment. This program is not meant for every unpaved road or for private roads, and VDoT will not conduct full engineering design or buy right-of-way from property owners.

Rural Rustic Roads are typically paved at a smaller width based on a reduced standard that leaves trees, vegetation, side slopes, and drainage abutting the roadway undisturbed to the maximum extent possible without compromising safety. Rural Rustic Road standards allow a road to be paved within a 30' right-of-way. (In a typical paving project, improvements are within a 50' right-of-way.) Rural Rustic Road paving projects are typically less expensive to construct than traditional paving projects.

VDoT Guidelines for Rural Rustic Road Program (July 1, 2006)

The following eligibility criteria apply to the Rural Rustic Road Program. The project shall:

- be an unpaved road within the Secondary System of State Highways
- carry at least 50 but no more than 1,000 vehicles per day (vpd)
- be a priority (line item) in the County's Secondary Six-Year Plan (SSYP)
- be designated as a Rural Rustic Road by the Board of Supervisors in consultation with the VDoT Residency Administrator or designee
- be a road used predominately for local traffic. (Local nature of the road means that most motorists using the road have traveled it before and are familiar with it)
- have minimal anticipated traffic growth (see below)
- have a resolution designating the roadway as a Rural Rustic Road by the Board of Supervisors (for each road). The Board, via this resolution, must commit to limiting growth on a road improved under the Rural Rustic Road Program

Goochland County Process for Designating Rural Rustic Road

Goochland County uses a three-phase process for designating a Rural Rustic Road:

Phase I – Community Requests Rural Rustic Road Designation

1. A minimum of 75% of the residents on the roadway must sign a petition agreeing to Rural Rustic Road designation. County staff will provide map, petition form, and list of street addresses to the primary contact person to acquire signatures.
2. Submit petition to Planning and Zoning staff.

Phase II – Staff Initiates Project Administration

1. Planning and Zoning staff receives the petition, makes determination on eligibility, and collects data. County staff or VDoT prepares a preliminary cost estimate.
2. Planning and Zoning staff contacts primary contact person about next steps.

Phase III – Board Considers Candidate Projects with Annual Secondary Six Year Plan (SSYP)

1. County staff notifies Board of request with supporting data.
2. During the Board of Supervisors review of the SSYP, the Board considers eligible Rural Rustic Road requests for SSYP funding.

Rural Rustic Road Petition

Road name:	
<i>In accordance with Goochland County policy, at least 75% of the residents along this roadway, or portion thereof, must sign a petition requesting Rural Rustic Road designation before the Board will consider public expenditures</i>	
We, the undersigned, petition Goochland County to take necessary action to have the subject road (see attached map) considered for the Rural Rustic Road Program by the Virginia Department of Transportation.	
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