

Plan Summary

This Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan:

- **builds** upon all recommendations in the *Functional Master Plan for the Preservation of Agriculture and Rural Open Space* except the highway classifications,
- **incorporates** the Montgomery County Rustic Roads Program approved by the County Council in 1993 into the Agricultural Reserve Area of the County,
- **designates** those roads to be classified as rustic roads and those to be classified as exceptional rustic,
- **describes** the recommended rustic and exceptional rustic roads and identifies significant features for each,
- **recommends** a new highway classification system for the Agricultural Reserve Area of the County that is in keeping with the County's intention that this land will remain in agricultural and rural open space use,
- **recommends** two new roadway classifications

to retain the rural character of traffic-carrying roads in the Agricultural Reserve Area,

- **recommends** the development of a new type of access for subdivisions which occur in the Agricultural Reserve Area, recognizing the need to treat access roads in the Agricultural Reserve Area differently than the way they are treated in the developing part of the County,
- **recommends** scenic easement setbacks at identified locations on rustic and exceptional rustic roads and a new review focus, during the development approval process, to the location of new buildings so as to preserve those views whenever possible,
- **recommends** the elimination of the sunset date for interim protection of rustic roads in the Montgomery County Code and recommends the addition of four new roads to the Interim Rustic Roads List, and
- **removes** the previously recommended future Class I bike path along Barnesville Road.

