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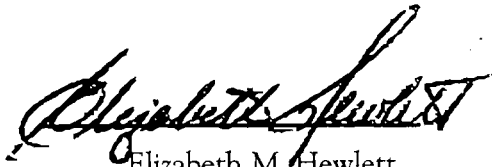
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Abstract	This document contains the text, with supporting maps and tables, for the Approved and Adopted Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan of Montgomery County. This document recommends identification and classification of 66 Rustic Roads, of which 12 are exceptional. In addition, the entire master-planned roadway network included in the Study Area is recommended for reclassification to a network appropriate for the rural area of Montgomery County.

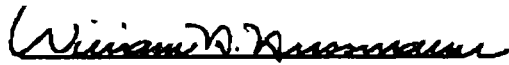
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STAFF DRAFT PLAN — This document is prepared by the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning for presentation to the Montgomery County Planning Board. The Planning Board reviews the Staff Draft Plan, makes preliminary changes as appropriate, and approves the Plan for public hearing. When the Board's changes are made, the document becomes the Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Plan.

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ADOPTED PLAN — The Plan approved by the County Council is forwarded to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for adoption. Once adopted by the Commission, the Plan officially amends the various master or sector plans cited in the Commission's adoption resolution.

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