

Dear Mr. Kittleman,

We are writing to ask you to please support the designation of Haviland Mill Road as a scenic road in Howard County.

Ample reason for this designation is provided by the changing elevation and winding nature of the road, the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources area, the existing land in preservation, the few residential houses set back from the road, the number of old and original houses, the Montgomery County rustic road designation, the county parkland, and the presence of varied wildlife. This road is part of Howard County's history and makes a significant contribution to the unique character, charm and attraction of Howard County.

There are outstanding, sweeping views along Haviland Mill Road. Typical views include pastures, fields, forests, streams, wooden fences, farm buildings; and old homes. Haviland Mill Road conforms to the changing topography as it winds its way up and then down hills. These twists and turns and the simple construction – a ribbon of asphalt, contribute to the road's scenic nature. Eagles and hawks soar above the highest point of the road. The road crosses into Montgomery County at the Patuxent River. Neighboring Montgomery County has designated their 1.35 miles of Haviland Mill Road as a Rustic Road.

There is an established great blue heron rookery along the Patuxent River near the Haviland Mill Road Bridge. This area of the river is a favorite of anglers and is a catch-and-release area for fly-fishermen. The remains of the old mill for which the road is named are visible along the river. There are a number of pieces of land already protected by DNR, WSSC, and Howard County along the road. The immediate area also has significant cultural resources including cemeteries and old barns and farmhouses. There are also former residences and a cemetery that represent African-American agricultural history after the Civil War.

If the scenic road designation cannot be supported under the criteria created in 1994, it is time to update those criteria to ensure Howard County maintains what remains of its unique attractiveness and character. We must do whatever we can to preserve the ecological integrity, existing history and scenic nature of this part of Howard County for all its citizens and their children to enjoy for generations to come.

Kathy and Lloyd Stowe
13905 Wayside Drive
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Testimony from Friends of Haviland Mill Road

February 16, 2016

Good Evening.

My name is Brooke Farquhar and I live at 6883 Haviland Mill Road, Clarksville, in a house that was owned by freed slaves, the Roberts/Dorseys, in the mid to late 1800's, according the HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY, HABS No. MD-1427, the HARDY-ROBERTS HOUSE. I am telling you this because it is one of four historic homes on our road, and this is an important criterion for scenic roads. I am handing out a printout of a powerpoint if you would please follow along.

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I represent the group Friends of Haviland Mill Road. Friends of Haviland Mill Road request the Council to support CR28-2016 A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the Howard County Inventory of Scenic Roads which adds Haviland Mill Road, a rural, historically significant road to the Inventory, sponsored by Councilmember Greg Fox. Thank you very much, Mr. Fox.

We see there are several letters in your packet and posted online about the Cluster development proposed on our road and want to clarify that we are not testifying about that tonight. We realize that the designation would not impact the development proposal.

We also appreciate that both Preservation Howard County and the Montgomery County Rustic Roads Committee have expressed support for the designation of Haviland Mill Road as a Scenic Road, which you will see in the packet I have handed out. (See Page 1).

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We also applaud the County for establishing the Scenic Roads legislation in 1994, because decision makers then, and you today, recognize the need to protect those aspects of our history and our rural character that make our County special.

“The scenic roads act is established to protect the character of certain roads or road segments in the county which have **outstanding scenic or historic value** and pass through areas of the county where **forest, agricultural or historic features are predominant.**” Our road meets this description.

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“Scenic roads are public roads in the county which have **one or more** of the following characteristics:

(1) Pass through an area of outstanding natural environmental features providing views of scenic elements such as forests, steep topography, and stream or river valleys;”

On Haviland Mill Road we have stretches of forest, such as this frontage of State parkland, steep sloping pastures, and of course, the Patuxent River, also with a stretch of parkland along it.

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“Scenic roads are public roads in the county which have **one or more** of the following characteristics:

(2) Provide outstanding views of rural, agricultural landscapes including scenic elements such as panoramic or distant views, cropland, pastures, fields, streams, ponds, hedgerows, stone or wooden fences, farm buildings and farmsteads;”

On Haviland Mill Road we have quite a lot of these views. About one third of our 1.6 mile road has such views.

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“(3) Follow historic road alignments and provide views of historic resources; or”

We have four historic homes in view of the road, two of them were occupied by the Roberts/Dorsey family.

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“(4) A large proportion of the road provides frontage for properties that are in a historic district or subject to perpetual or long-term agricultural, environmental or historic easements.”

We have two properties with environmental easements on them, and five properties owned by the State DNR or the HoCo Rec and Parks Department.

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In order to see how our road compared to others already designated, we picked the closest road to ours, Trotter Road. Here is a view of them with our road on the left.

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When you look at all the points in the legislation and rank them, Haviland Mill Road measures up just as well, if not better than Trotter Road.

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For example, Trotter Road has more non-historic houses in view of the road, per mile, than Haviland Mill and no agricultural views.

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While Trotter Road has more views of forest, Haviland Mill Road has more agricultural views.

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And when we looked at the total of agricultural plus forest views, we found that Haviland Mill has a greater total than Trotter, of about 65% vs 50%.

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Haviland Mill Road has both agricultural and forest views, and Trotter Road does not.

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Conclusion: Haviland Mill Road is equally, if not more, qualified than Trotter Road as a scenic road.

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We hope you will see that our road meets or exceeds what the legislation describes as the purpose and the definition of a Scenic Road. Thank You! Visit us online at Havilandmill.com, and on Facebook at Friends and Family of Haviland Mill Road

October 7, 2015

Councilman Fox,

Preservation Howard County supports the Haviland Mills Road residents, July 24 request, for Haviland Mills Road to be designated as a Scenic Road. The road is located between Brighton Dam Road and New Hampshire Avenue in Montgomery County. The Montgomery County section of the road has been designated as a Rustic Road.

Their letter of request is quite compelling and presents information concerning the road that meets Sub Title 14 Scenic Road criteria required to be designated a Scenic Road.

Preservation Howard County asks that your response to their request be advising them that you will be taking the appropriate steps with support of the other Council Members to introduce legislation to designate Haviland Mill Road as a Scenic Road joining the other 74 Scenic Roads in Howard County.

Respectfully,

Fred Dorsey
President

Enclosure

CC Council Member Sigaty
Council Member Ball
Council Member Terrasa
Council Member Weinstein

Request to Council

- ▶ Friends of Haviland Mill Road request the Council to support CR28-2016
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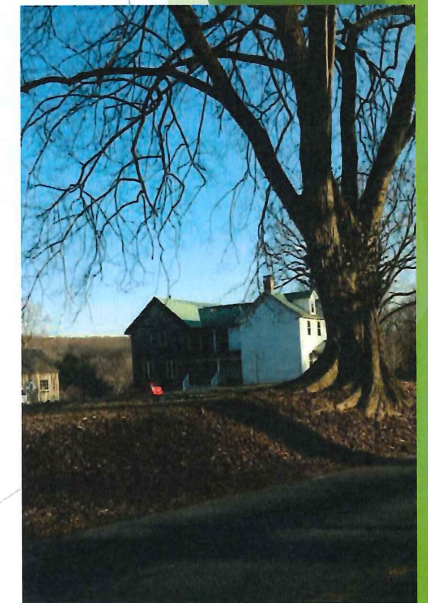


Subtitle 14 Scenic Roads

Section 16.1401 Purpose

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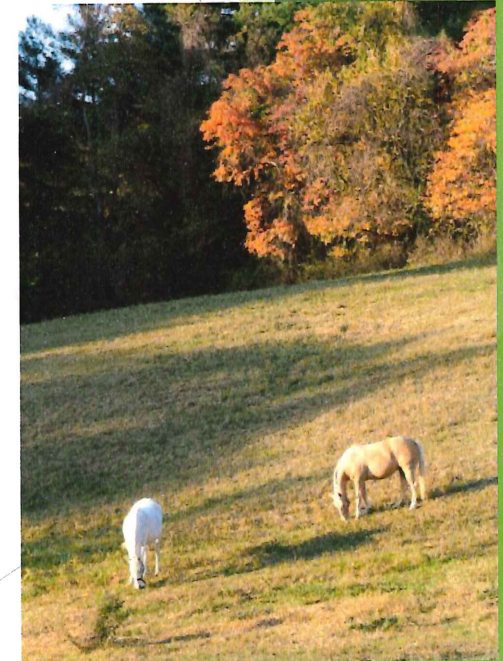


Section 16.1402

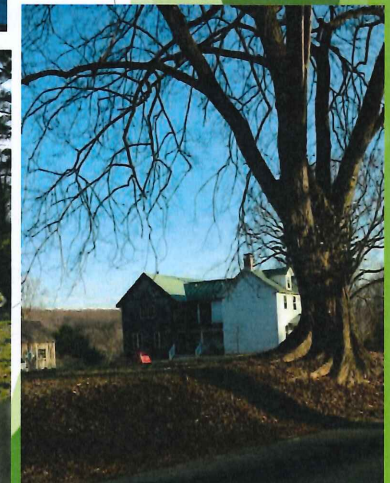
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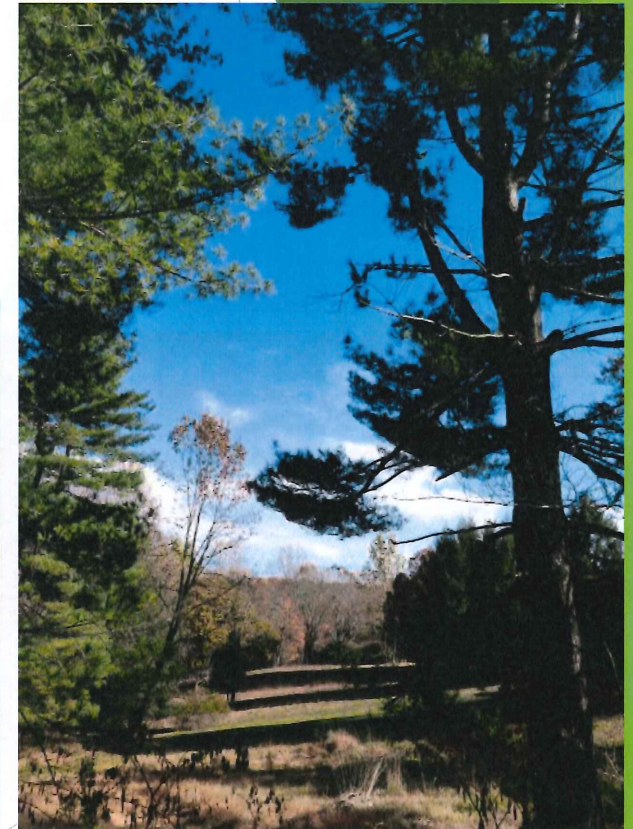
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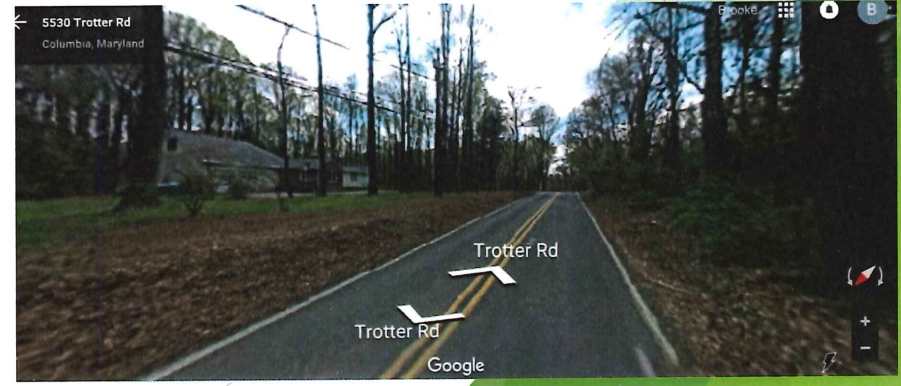
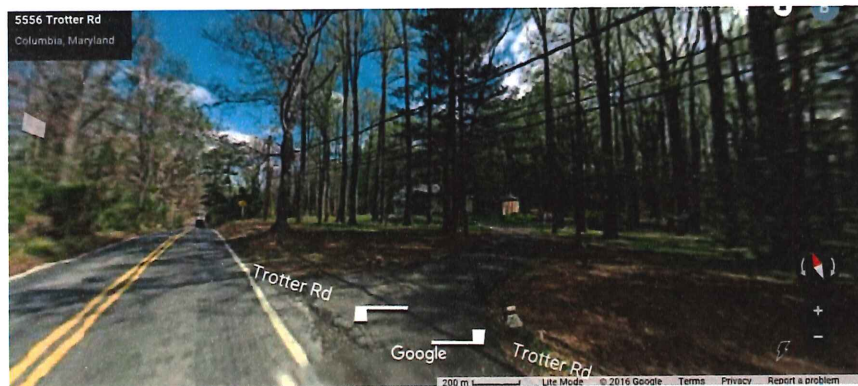
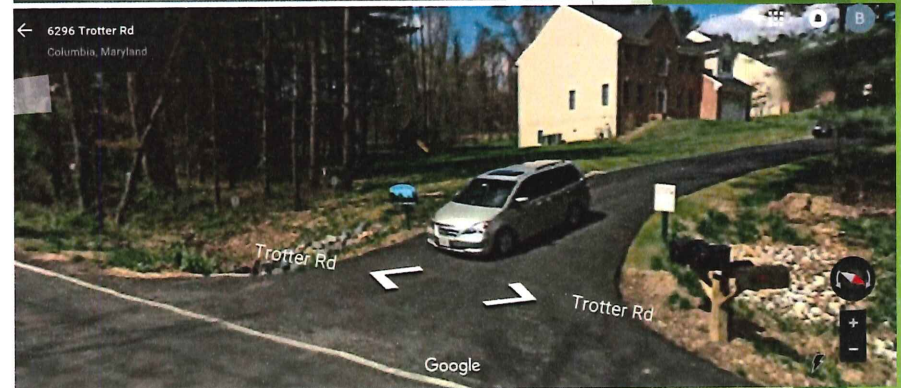
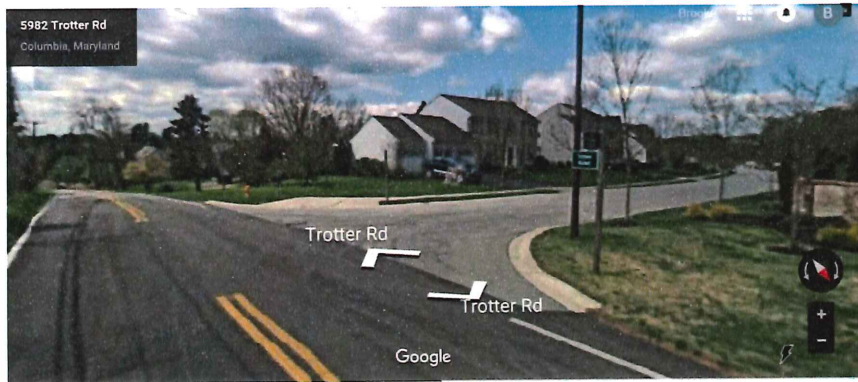
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A Comparison of Haviland Mill Rd and Trotter Rd



Comparison of Haviland Mill Road & a Designated Scenic Road, Trotter Road		
	Haviland Mill Road	Trotter Road
Length of Road	1.6 mile	2.0 mile
Views/Visible from the Road		
Total Houses (Historic and Non-Historic)	28	36
Historic Houses	4	1
Total Non-Historic Houses Per Mile	15	17
Agricultural - Length of Road	.5 mile (approx.)	0
Forest - Length of Road	.5 mile (approx.)	1 mile (approx.)
Percent of Road with Agricultural or Forest	65%	50%
Agricultural or Conservation Easements	4	Not Available
Stream/River	yes	yes
Steep Topography	yes	yes
Panoramic or Distant	yes	yes
Cropland, Pastures, Fields	yes	no
Streams, Ponds	yes	yes
Hedgerows, Stone or Wooden Fences	yes	yes
Farm Buildings and Farmsteads	yes	no

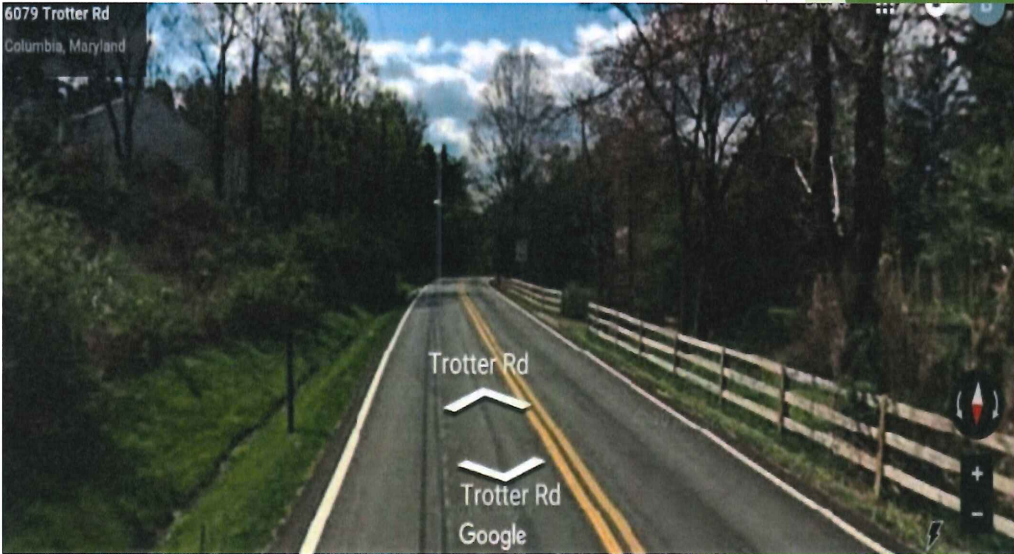
Trotter Road has more houses per mile than Haviland Mill Road and no agricultural views.



Trotter Road has more views of forest, but Haviland Mill Road has more agricultural views.



O'Keefe Farm, Haviland Mill Road



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The image shows a Facebook page for the "Friends and Family of Haviland Mill Road Community". The main cover photo is a large group of people of various ages posing in a grassy field. Some individuals are holding a sign that reads "HAVILAND MILL ROAD". In the background, there are parked cars and a sign for "HAVILAND MILL RD". To the left of the main photo is a smaller profile picture showing a paved road winding through a green landscape. Below the cover photo, the page name "Friends and Family of Haviland Mill Road Community" is displayed. To the right of the name are buttons for "Liked", "Message", and a menu icon. Below the name is a navigation bar with tabs for "Timeline", "About", "Photos", "Likes", and "Videos".

Thank You! Visit us online at Havilandmill.com, and on Facebook at Friends and Family of Haviland Mill Road