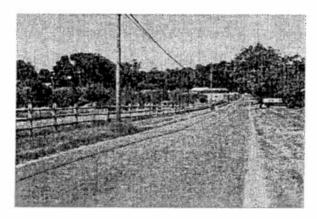
# **Brookeville Road**

A Rustic Road



Brookeville Road has outstanding natural features and historic value.

Recommended as a rustic road.

### Significant Features:

Historic alignment

### History:

This road was an early east-west route to Brookeville, a Quaker community founded in 1794. In the early 1800s, Brookeville was a center of commerce and education in an area that played an important role in the development of the science of agriculture. Many of the houses in the vicinity were built during this period of prosperity.

# Driving Experience:

From the west (Olney-Laytonsville Road, MD 108), the road crosses Mount Zion Road where a crossroads community was established by freed slaves after the Civil War. The road next passes the Gustavus Jones Farm on the right, a log and frame house, parts of which date to the 1850s when the farm was established. The farm also includes a fine collection of agricultural outbuildings representative of the increasing prosperity of its middle-class owner. To the north is Bon Secours, a spacious frame house built c1855 as a summer residence for Baltimore tobacco broker Nicholas Griffith, and Locust Hill, a substantial stone dwelling built in 1868 and associated with the locally prominent Riggs family. Continuing past farm fields, the road then goes into a forest area and passes the Oakley Log House, which archeological digs have revealed was probably built c1870 as a residence for African American slaves or tenant farmers. Brookeville Road crosses two tributaries of the Reddy Branch in the forest. These bridges were recently reconstructed and have very unattractive and inappropriate white Jersey barrier parapets along their sides. The road ends at Georgia Avenue just north of the town of Brookeville.

#### Notes:

The designation of this road as a rustic road is not to be used to affect in any way the Brookeville Bypass when that road is constructed.

The Olney Master Plan includes a potential relocation of Brookeville Road slightly north of its current intersection with Georgia Avenue. That relocated road will not be a rustic road.

