

RUSTIC ROADS COMMISSION FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 25-06-01

**NOMINATION TO RUSTIC ROADS PROGRAM
STAFF REPORT**

SUMMARY

Road: Angleberger Road

From Wilhide Road to Bottomley Road

Applicant: Gloria Lewis and Christopher Lewis

This public meeting is for the consideration of placing Angleberger Road, from Wilhide Road to Bottomley Road, into the Rustic Roads Program. The nomination was submitted by Gloria Lewis and Christopher Lewis, residents along the road.

The public meeting for designation to the Frederick County Rustic Roads Program will be held at 6:00 p.m., or thereafter, on August 13, 2025.



Image 1: Aerial of Angleberger Road, Courtesy of Frederick County GIS, Property Explorer

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

The applicants, Gloria Lewis and Christopher Lewis, submitted a nomination form with the required attachments along with seven letters of support from Angleberger residents and users. The entire nomination is attached to this staff report.

ROAD SPECIFICATIONS

Angleberger Road is a 1.18-mile tar and chip road located in Maintenance District 6. The road runs from Wilhide Road to Bottomley Road. Angleberger Road is 18 feet wide without shoulders. The posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour. Angleberger Road has an annual average daily trip of 122 trips, at the Sandy Run Crossing, last studied in 2022; and an annual average daily trip of 141 trips, north of the intersection with Bottomley Road, last studied in 2023. The road is classified as a local road with a very low traffic range.

SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE

The narrow tar and chip road, located about two miles southwest of Creagerstown, is surrounded by a densely wooded corridor set amongst primarily agricultural land and rural residences. Angleberger Road crosses Sandy Run, which flows freely through a culvert underneath the road.

ZONING AND LAND USE

The nominated road is not in a Community Growth Area. The closest Community Growth Areas are Woodsboro (4.2 miles away) and Thurmont (3.9 miles away). The surrounding land is zoned Agricultural, and the land use designation is Agricultural.

LAND PRESERVATION

There are several properties adjacent to Angleberger Road that are within Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easements. The road is not in a Priority Preservation Area.

Properties within a 1-mile radius of road that have some form of land preservation program are:

Critical Farm Easement: 1

Installment Purchase Program (IPP): 1

MALPF Easements: 8

Maryland Environmental Trust (MET): 1

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

There are no surveyed historic properties on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties on this section of Angleberger Road. There are several historic properties along Angleberger Road that are not listed in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. The “Angleberger Farm” (11808 Angleberger Road) is a farm complex that is believed to have been constructed circa 1870 and the “Jamieson Farmhouse” (11761 Angleberger Road), is a circa 1910 farmhouse (see page 6).

The earliest depiction of Angleberger Road on a historic map is on the 1873 Titus Atlas (attached, page 8). This makes the current alignment of Angleberger Road at least 152 years old.

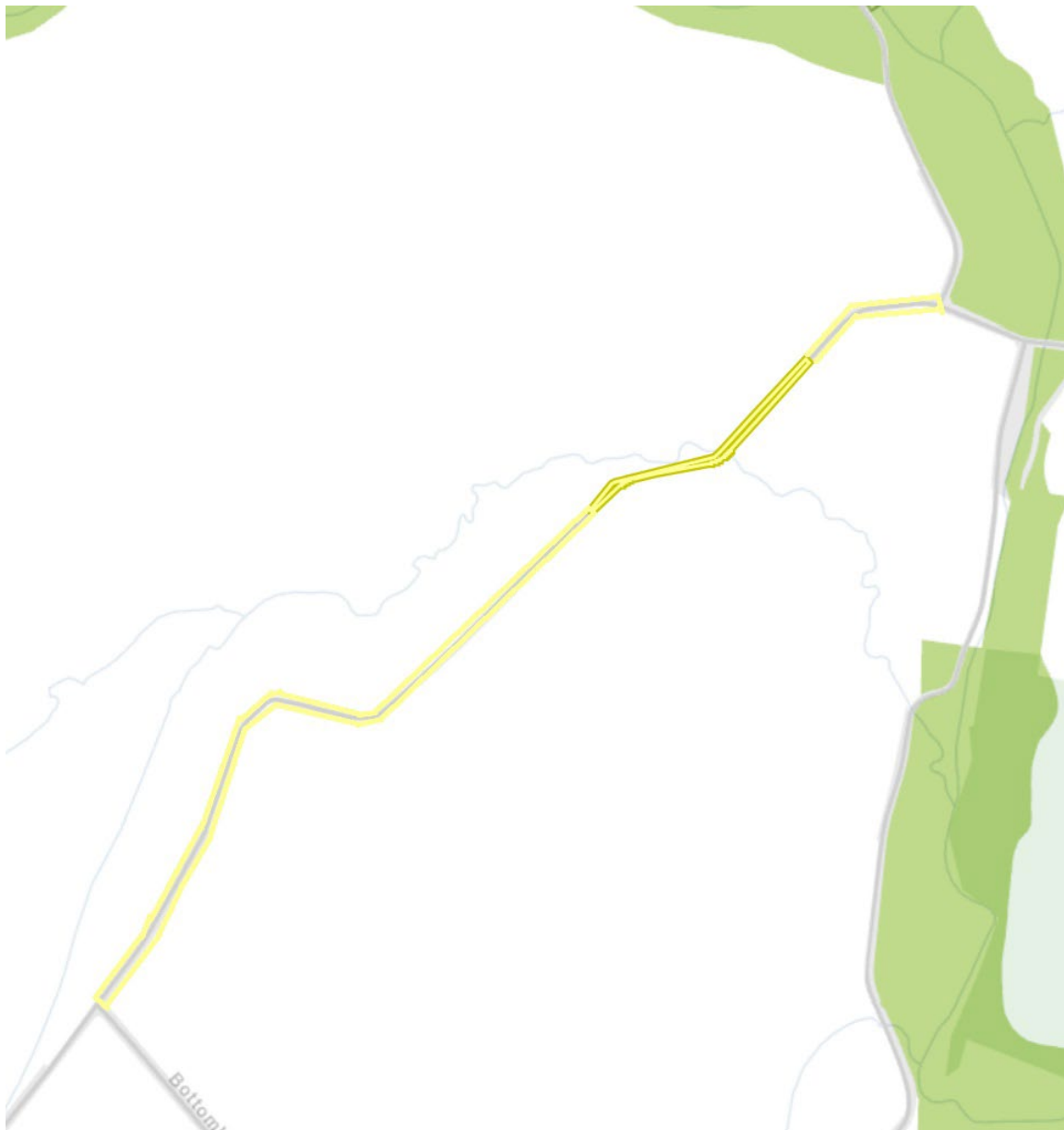
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the historic, agricultural, and natural characteristics of Angleberger Road and its’ context, Staff recommends that the Commission **RECOMMEND** the nomination of Angleberger Road, from Wilhide Road to Bottomley Road, to the Frederick County Council for inclusion into the Rustic Roads Program.

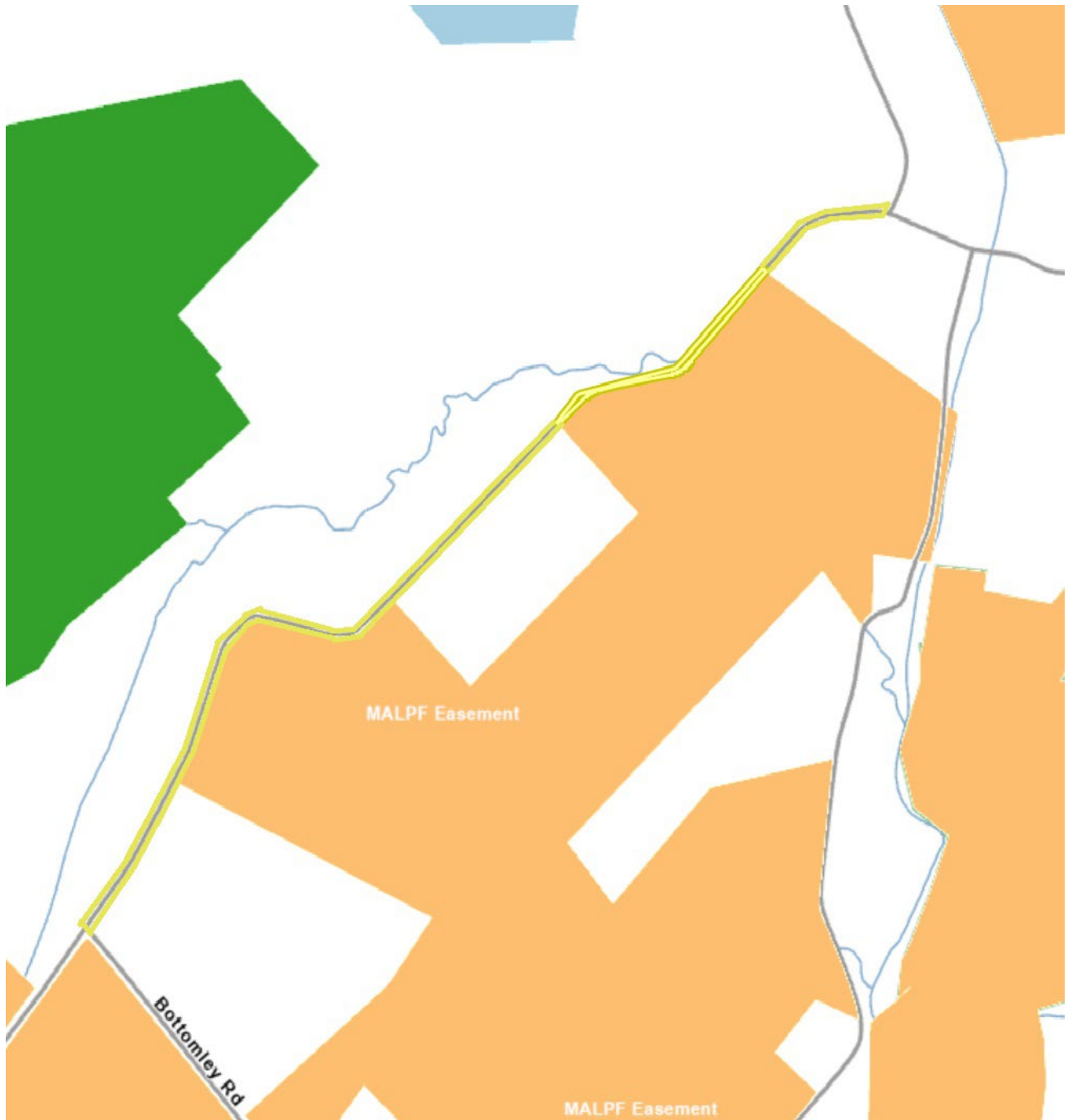
Surrounding Land Use Map of Angleberger Road

Light Green: Natural Resource

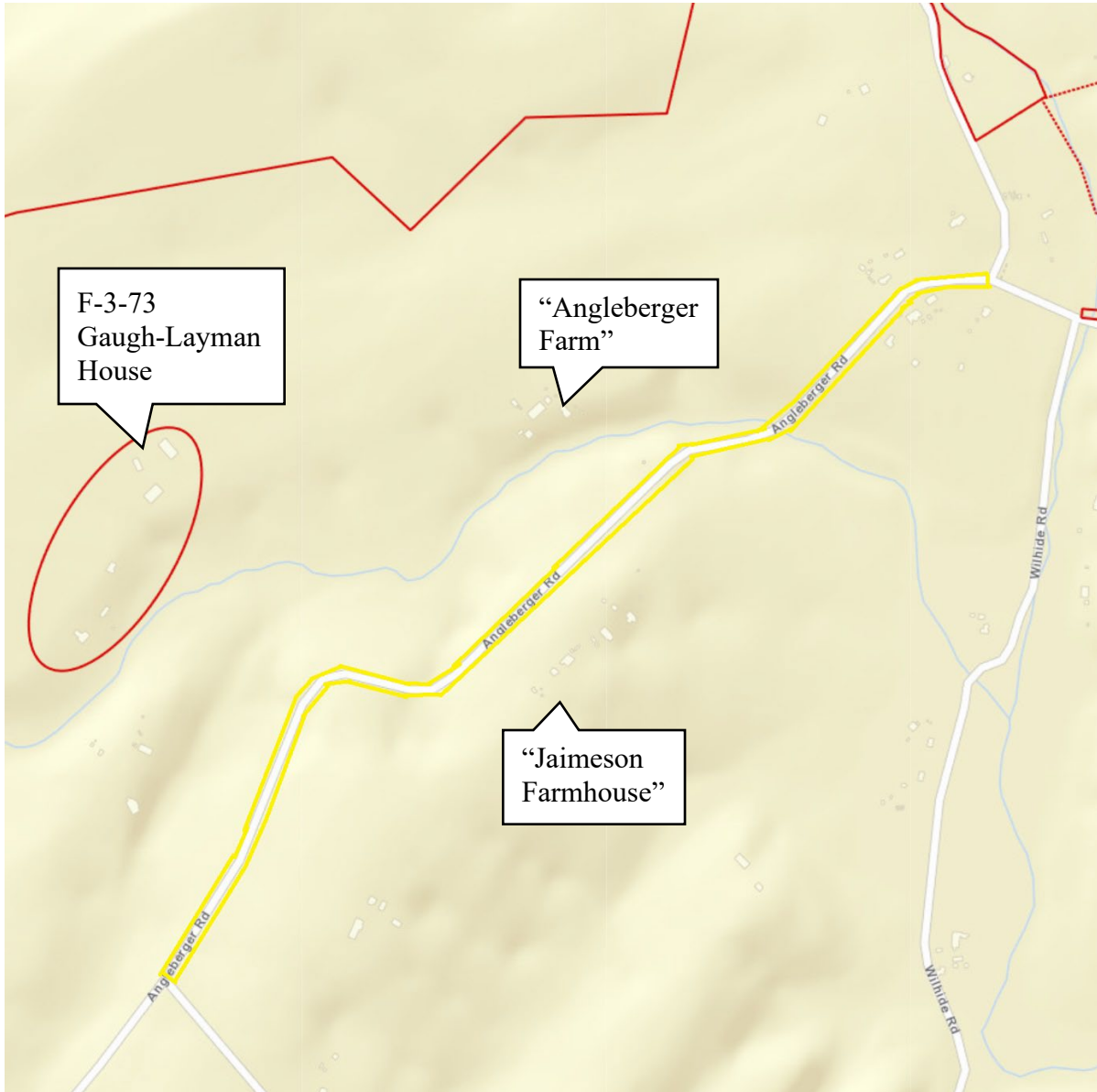
White: Agricultural



Land Preservation Map Surrounding Angleberger Road



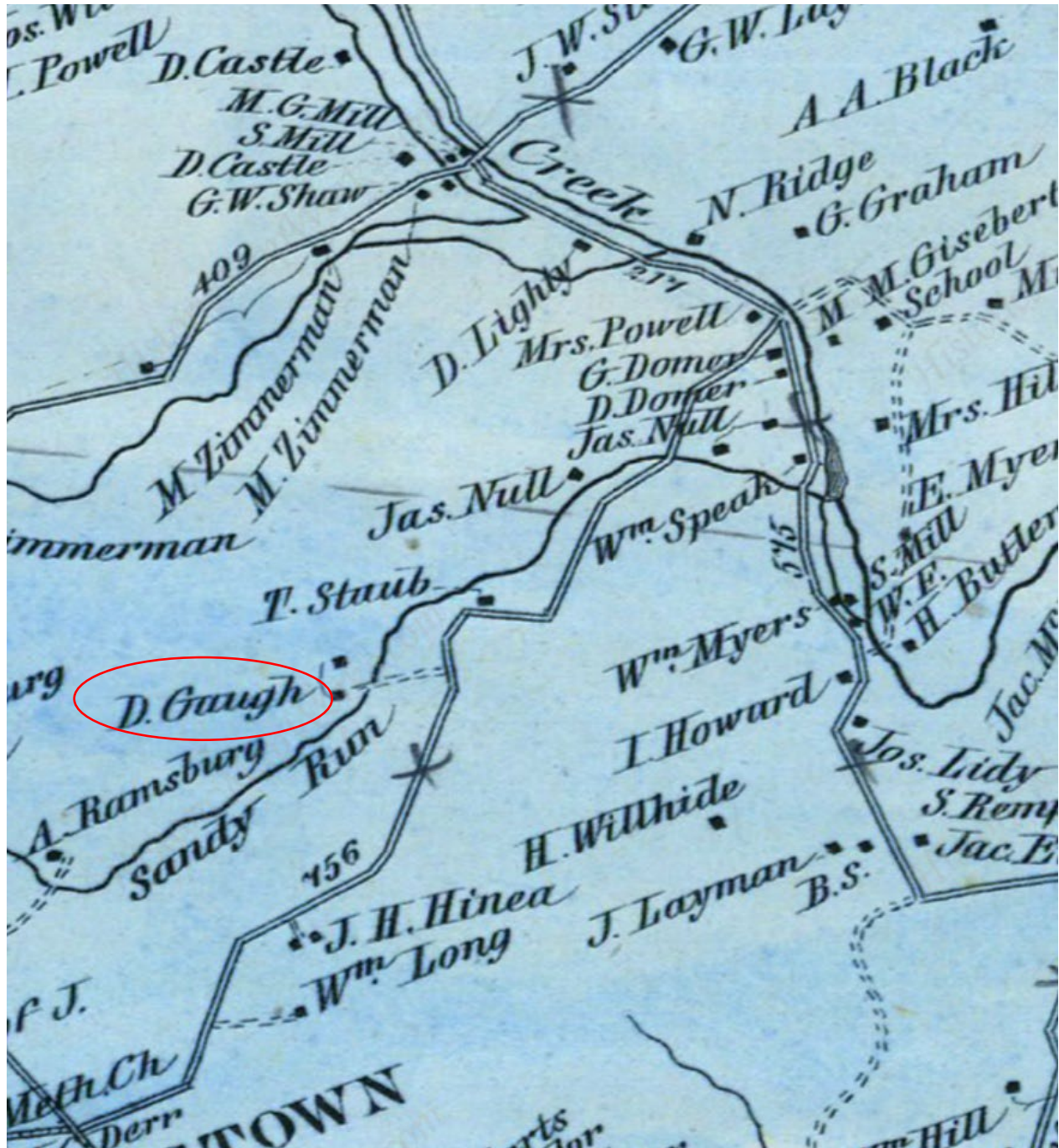
MIHP Map of Angleberger Road



Map of Frederick County Maryland by Isaac Bond, 1858



The 1853 map shows no connection between modern day Wilhide Road and Bottomley Road. Notice the location of the Gough-Layman House (red) and Sandy Run between the 1858 and 1873 maps.

Atlas of Frederick County Maryland by C.O. Titus and Co., 1873

The earliest map depicting the modern alignment of Angleberger Road with several properties nearby including the Gough-Layman House (red).