

RUSTIC ROADS COMMISSION FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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CASE NO. 25-06-02

**NOMINATION TO RUSTIC ROADS PROGRAM
STAFF REPORT**

SUMMARY

Road: Bottomley Road

From Angleberger Road to Wilhide Road

Applicant: Christopher Lewis

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

The public meeting for designation to the Frederick County Rustic Roads Program will be held at 6:00 p.m., or thereafter, on December 10, 2025.



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

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

The applicant, Christopher Lewis, submitted a nomination form with the required attachments along with 6 letters of support from Bottomley residents and users. The nomination and letters of support are attached to this staff report.

ROAD SPECIFICATIONS

Bottomley Road is a 0.96-mile tar and chip road located in Maintenance District 6. The road runs from Angleberger Road to Wilhide Road. Bottomley Road is 13 feet wide without shoulders. There is no posted speed limit sign. Bottomley Road has an annual average daily trip of 123 trips, at the intersection with Angleberger Road, last studied in 2023; and an annual average daily trip of 147 trips, at the intersection with Wilhide 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 and a half miles southwest of Creagerstown, is surrounded by agricultural land and rural residences. Bottomley Road crosses an unnamed tributary of Hunting Creek, 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 (3.9 miles away) and Thurmont (3.7 miles away). The surrounding land is zoned Agricultural, and the land use designation is Agricultural.

LAND PRESERVATION

There are several properties adjacent to Bottomley Road that are within Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easements (see page 5). 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:

Installment Purchase Program (IPP): 3

MALPF Easements: 16

Maryland Environmental Trust (MET): 1

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

There are no surveyed historic properties on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties on this section of Bottomley Road. There are historic properties along Bottomley Road that are not listed in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

One of the oldest extant farmsteads on the road is located at 11409 Bottomley Road. In the mid-1900s, Robert and Octavia Bottomley purchased the farm complex and appear to be the namesake for Bottomley Road.

The earliest depiction of Bottomley Road on a historic map is on the 1911 Emmitsburg, MD Topographic Map (attached, page 7). This makes the alignment of Bottomley Road at least 115 years old.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

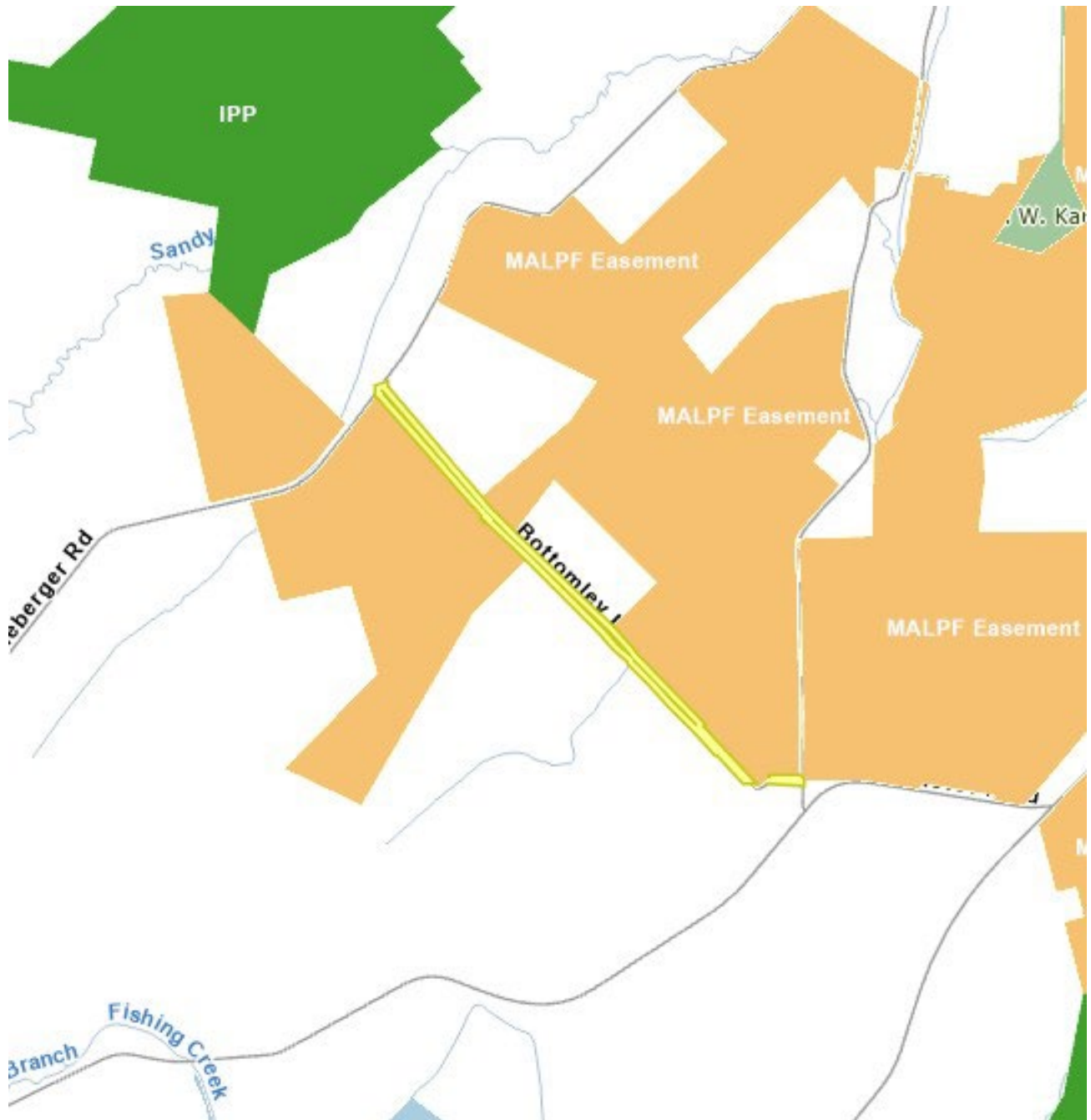
Surrounding Land Use Map of Bottomley Road

Light Green: Natural Resource

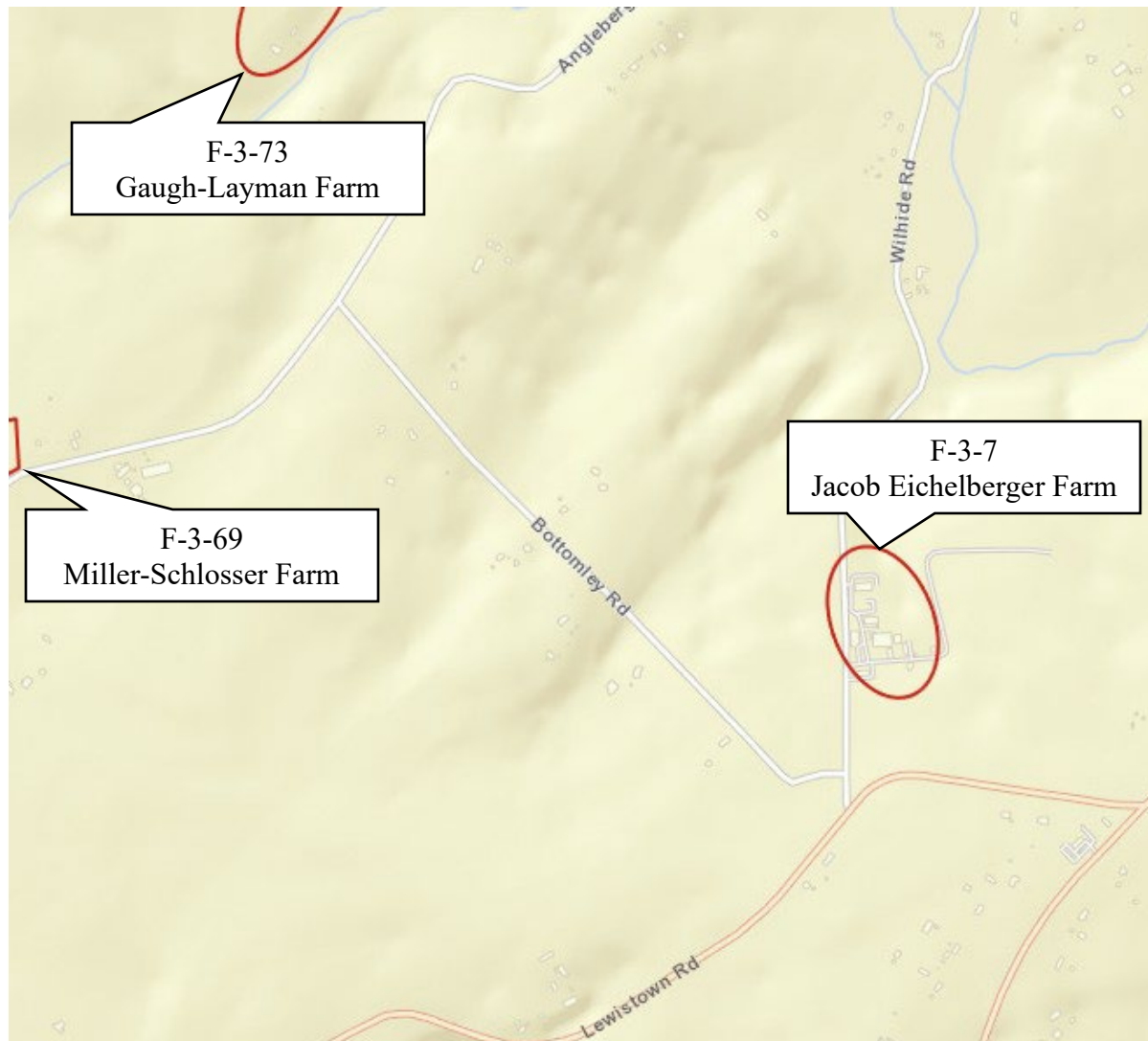
White: Agricultural



Land Preservation Map Surrounding Bottomley Road



MIHP Map of Bottomley Road



Topographic Map of Frederick County, 1911

