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The public comment period will close ten days after this public hearing. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this location and design public hearing.

Written comments may be submitted to James C. Zeller at the address below. Email comments may be sent to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "The Woods Road" in the subject line. Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **November 8, 2013** (or November 17, 2013, if the meeting is held on November 7, 2013) in order to be included in the location and design public hearing record.

Project information shared here is available for review after the meeting at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 and at VDOT's Leesburg Residency Office located at 41 Lawson Road, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

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Location and Design Public Hearing

The Woods Road (Rte 771) Leesburg, VA

Wednesday, October 29, 2013, 6-8 p.m.
J.L. Simpson Middle School
490 Evergreen Mills Rd., SE
Leesburg, Virginia 20175

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) location and design public hearing on the proposed improvements to The Woods Road.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

VDOT staff will address questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting before the project is presented to VDOT's chief engineer for consideration.

Project Overview



Existing Condition - The Woods Road

Purpose – Improve safety and access to the communities along the Gleedsville Road corridor. Also, realignment of The Woods Road is needed in preparation of the planned expansion of the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility.

From – 0.40 mile east of Gleedsville Rd. (Rte 650)

To – Evergreen Mills Rd. (Rte 621)

Total length – 1.2 miles

Improvements – Reconstruct and realign existing unpaved portion of roadway with two, ten-foot wide paved lanes and five foot paved shoulders

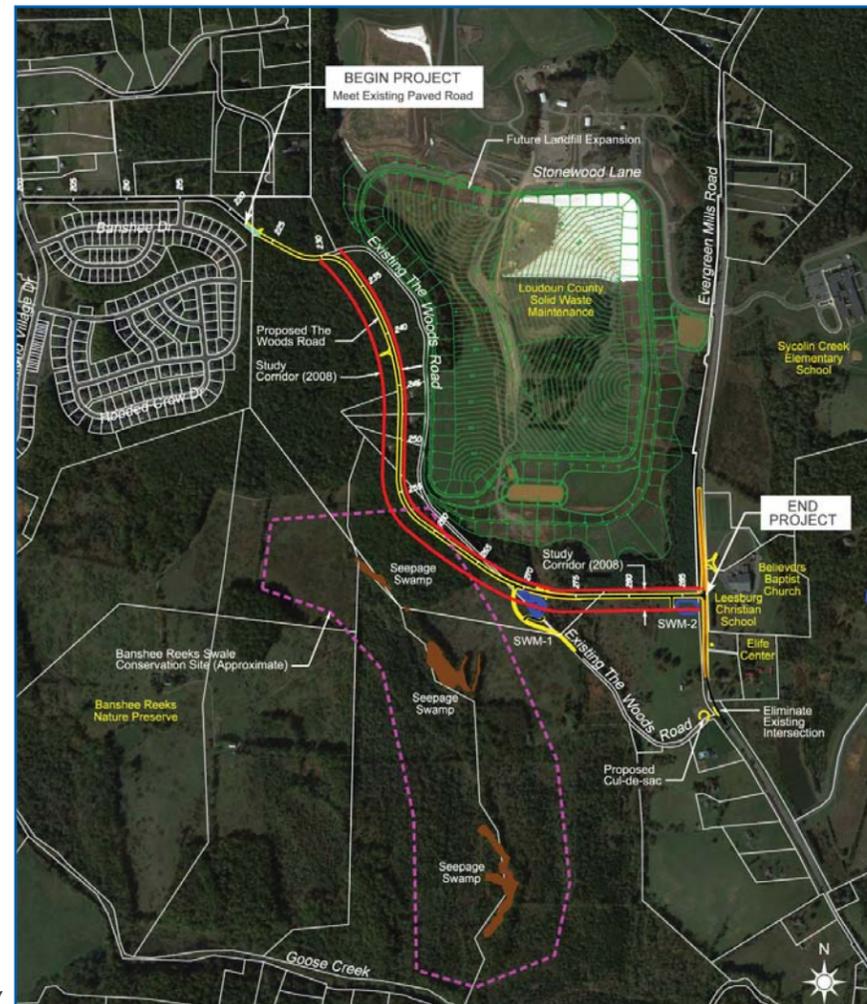
Project Description

The purpose of this project is to improve access to the communities along the southern portion of the Gleedsville Road corridor. The unpaved portion of The Woods Road will be replaced with a paved roadway including two 10' lanes and 5' paved shoulders. The roadway will be realigned to accommodate the future expansion of the Loudoun county Landfill on the north side and minimize impacts to the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve and Virginia Outdoor Federation (VOF) easements to the south. The realigned The Woods Road will intersect Evergreen Mills Road about 1100' north of the current intersection, where the visibility is much better than at the current intersection.

Improvements to Evergreen Mills Road to further improve safety of the intersection will include widening, addition of a northbound left-turn lane and southbound right turn taper at The Woods Road. Although the results of a traffic study indicated no immediate warrants for a traffic signal at this location, the design does not preclude the addition of traffic signals, should it be required in the future.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). During construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control.

The planned sequence of construction will allow traffic to be maintained on existing The Woods Road for most of the anticipated construction duration. There will be times, however, that due to safety and constructability issues, The Woods Road will need to be closed to traffic for a short duration. Advanced notification of these closures will be provided and a detour will be set up. Access to all properties on existing The Woods Road will be maintained at all times.



Project Overview

Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:
Approximately \$4.4 million

Engineering:
\$657,000

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation:
\$1.0 million

Construction
\$2.7 million

This cost is subject to change as project development is in the early design stage. The project will be financed using transportation enhancement funds.

Environmental Review

In accordance with the Virginia Code §10.1-1188, Part B, the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) was administered to allow state natural and cultural resource agencies the opportunity to review and comment on the project. Additionally, VDOT environmental staff supplemented this process with a review of all pertinent in-house databases and reference information. The SERP concluded with the preparation of a Preliminary Environmental Inventory (PEI) identifying the environmental resources in the project vicinity and summarizing any commitments identified for the project as a result of the SERP.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be available in the PEI and Cultural Resource Summary Report. Both documents are available for review at tonight's meeting.

Anticipated Schedule

Design hearing and comment period – October 29 - November 8, 2013 (or November 7-November 17 if the meeting is held on November 7, 2013)

Begin right of way acquisition and utility relocation – Spring/Summer 2014

Begin construction – 2015

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed in this brochure.

Right of Way

Construction of The Woods Rd. will not require displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop this project, additional easements may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's brochure, "Right of Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available here from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Typical Roadway Section

