

# RUSTIC ROADS PROGRAM

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING A NOMINATION

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### DEFINITIONS:

1. **Road Corridor:** A type of preservation district in which the geographic area is identified with a nominated or designated road. The road corridor minimally includes the area within the right-of-way including the road pavement, any structures such as bridges and signs, shoulders and vegetation, and may also include; a) all or portions of adjacent properties, b) features located on adjacent property such as buildings, structures, or vegetation, c) potential conservation easements or other easements that would protect scenic vistas and viewsheds, and/or d) existing easements protecting privately owned drives or lanes.
2. **Scenic Significance:** Importance as a result of appearance or character that remains relatively unchanged from and embodies the essential appearance related to a culture from an earlier historic or prehistoric period; as a result of a unique location, appearance, or physical character that creates an established or familiar vista or visual feature; or as a geologic or natural feature associated with the development, heritage or culture of the community, county, state or nation.
3. **Historic Significance:** Character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage, or culture of the community, county, state or country; as the location of an important local, county, state or national event; or through identification with a person or persons who made important contributions to the development of the community, county, state or country.

### COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM:

1. **Name of road corridor:** Enter the name of the nominated road corridor.
2. **Township(s) in which road corridor is located:** Enter the name(s) of the township(s) in which the nominated road corridor is located.
3. **Length of road corridor included in this nomination:** Road corridors do not have to include the entire length of a road. A particular section of a road may be nominated under the Rustic Roads Program. In the space provided, enter the length of the road corridor for which the nomination is being prepared.
4. **Description of road corridor boundaries:** Boundaries may be described in terms of legally recorded lot or parcel lines or manmade and natural topographic features such as road intersections, fence-lines, rivers, streams, ditches, etc. Select boundaries that encompass the significant concentration of scenic and natural features, buildings, structures, objects, and sites that make up the road corridor. For example: A \_\_\_ Road, from its intersection with \_\_\_ Road to \_\_\_ Creek, including all directly adjacent parcels.@
5. **Number of parcels and owners / owner consent:** Enter the number of parcels that are being nominated with the road, the number of owners, and the number of owners who have given their consent to the nomination.
6. **Kane County, Illinois, and National Registers of Historic Places:** Indicate whether or not any property within the nominated road corridor is listed in or nominated for the County, State, or National Registers of Historic Places.
7. **Criteria for Designation:** Nominations must be eligible under at least one of the criteria for designation listed on the nomination form. Indicate which criteria apply to the road corridor.

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8. **Attachment Checklist:** Indicate the attachments that will accompany the nomination form.
9. **Nominator-s Information:** Enter the nominator-s name, home address, phone and fax number(s), e-mail address, and signature (dated).

### PREPARE THE ATTACHMENTS (See attached forms):

#### 1. Attachment #1: Written Statement

Prepare a written statement explaining why the road corridor is suitable for preservation and how it is eligible for designation under the criteria indicated on the nomination form. Describe the road corridor-s intrinsic qualities as they relate to the following categories, especially those which make it different from other roads in Kane County.

1. **Scenic:** Inventory natural and built features that are visually beautiful or interesting. Scenic elements can include fields, buildings, structures, water, vegetation, skylines, and the sky itself, which are visible from the road and provide pleasure or inspire awe.
2. **Natural:** Note landscapes and ecological systems in the road corridor such as shorelines, wetlands, prairie, and natural habitats for birds, and animals.
3. **Historic:** Describe the physical evidence of human settlement, including buildings, bridges, fence-rows, burial sites, and less tangible features such as land in agricultural use, historic transportation systems, or development patterns (the grid system or trails left by Native Americans, for example).
4. **Cultural:** Discuss distinctive expressions of local community life along the road. Such expressions can include traditionally recognized cultural qualities such as public art, museums, libraries, and annual festivals. Others are less obvious, however, such as a particular industry, resource, or event responsible for the growth and identity of the community.
5. **Archaeological:** Note physical remnants of past human societies, their unique customs, traditions, folklore, or rituals, including artifacts, buildings, ruins, landscapes and abandoned trails.

Indicate in the statement who uses the road (autos, trucks, bicyclers, joggers, etc.), how the road corridor has changed over time, and how it has been affected by influences from outside the community. Finally, describe the vision for the road corridor in the future and what will be achieved by designating it a Rustic Road. At the end of the statement, list sources of information, including bibliographic references, if any were used.

#### 2. Attachment #2: Maps

Attach cover sheet and maps showing:

1. the location of the road corridor in Kane County; and
2. the boundaries of the road corridor and adjacent properties.

#### 3. Attachment #3: Photographs

Attach cover sheet and color prints (8" x 10") showing the significant features of the road corridor.

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- 4. Attachment #4: Properties Included in this Nomination and Signatures of Consent for Nomination:** Provide the following information for each parcel included in the nomination:
1. Parcel Number: Enter the parcel's ten digit identification number. This number may be obtained from the Kane County Treasurer's Office or from the Kane County Development Department.
  2. Address of Parcel: Enter the address of the parcel, if one has been assigned. If none has been assigned, enter "None."
  3. Name of Owner: Enter the name of the owner of record of the parcel.
  4. Home Address: Enter the home address of the owner of record of the parcel.
  5. Phone Numbers: Enter the home and work telephone numbers of the owner of record of the parcel.
  6. Signature of Consent for Nomination: At least 51% of the owners whose property is included in this Rustic Road nomination must indicate their consent to the nomination by signing Attachment #4 under the information entered for their property.
- 5. Attachment #5: Properties Listed in County, State, or National Registers of Historic Places:** If applicable, provide the names and addresses for properties listed in the County, State, or National Registers of Historic Places. This information may be obtained from the Kane County Development Department.

### SUBMIT THE NOMINATION:

Submit the properly completed nomination form and required attachments to:

Kane County Historic Preservation Commission  
c/o Development Department  
County Government Center  
719 Batavia Avenue  
Geneva IL 60134

Telephone: 630-232-3480

Contact the Kane County Preservation Planner, at the above address and phone number, with questions or for assistance in completing a Rustic Roads nomination.