

Loudoun's Future Launches 'Protect Rural Roads Campaign' to Save Rural Gravel Roads

Non-partisan PAC concerned that paving County's gravel roads will lead to increased traffic, congestion, and a decrease in overall safety of the roads

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Loudoun County, VA – [Loudoun's Future](#), a non-partisan Political Action Committee (PAC) with the objective of actively engaging in this year's Loudoun County Board of Supervisors elections, has launched the *Protect Rural Roads Campaign* to keep Loudoun's historic gravel roads unpaved, the PAC announced today. The campaign centers around possible plans to pave sections of Canby Road and Old Wheatland Road, two historic and bucolic roads within Loudoun County that serve the unique needs of bikers, equestrians, and residents.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is set to vote September 13 on whether to pave these roads.

With a comprehensive mission focused on preserving the county's unique resources, including its picturesque mountainsides, charming rural landscapes, small country villages and vibrant suburban communities, Loudoun's Future aims to elect a Board that will safeguard these invaluable assets, including preserving its gravel roads.

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"We are thrilled to launch this critical campaign to save and protect our rural, gravel roads," said **John Lovegrove, Chairman of Loudoun's Future** and a 20-year resident of the County. "These roads serve as vital connectors for our communities, enabling residents to access essential services, supporting local businesses, and fostering a sense of togetherness. By preserving them, we are paying homage to our centuries-old heritage and ensuring they remain an asset for all Loudoun County residents, today and in the future."

Loudoun's Future realizes the importance of preserving and carefully maintaining these gravel roads, which are an integral component of the county's identity. There are alternative maintenance methods which are a real improvement over what is in general use today.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) installed a test section of one such alternative on Old Waterford Road, which is an upgrade to the existing road conditions, but doesn't go as far as paving. In place for several years, this section has performed extremely

well: No potholes or washboarding, better drainage and less dust, while being a smooth driving surface.

These gravel roads are a testament to the county's rich history and cultural heritage. Whether for its equestrian enthusiasts, bike riders, or even people walking their dog, this 243-mile network is a unique feature of Loudoun County.

As part of the new campaign, Loudoun's Future will financially support specific candidates vying for seats on the Board of Supervisors, seeking their commitment to safeguarding the rural west. The PAC firmly believes that maintaining the rural gravel roads with methods other than asphalt will help preserve the county's unique character while protecting its residents' quality of life.

“If these county gravel roads are paved, it will lead to increased traffic and higher speeds,” **Lovegrove said.** “Higher speeds, especially in residential areas, pose extreme safety hazards for drivers, homeowners, and those using the roads for recreational activities. The unpaved portion of Old Wheatland Road has seven blind hills, so paving would make the higher-speed traffic especially dangerous.”

Through intensive engagement efforts, Loudoun's Future aims to raise awareness about the significance of these gravel roads and encourages the broader community to actively support their preservation. Loudoun's Future stands for populism – citizens, not special interests, should decide the future of the county, especially its land use and traffic issues.

As the Board of Supervisors elections draw near, Loudoun's Future remains steadfast in its goal to elect candidates who share its vision for a sustainable and thriving Loudoun County. By advocating for the protection of natural resources, rural landscape, and gravel roads, the PAC seeks to ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy the distinct beauty and charm that Loudoun is known for.

For further information about Loudoun's Future and the campaign to save rural, gravel roads, please visit www.loudouns-future.org.

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About Loudoun's Future

Loudoun's Future is a non-partisan Political Action Committee (PAC) formed in late 2022 to endorse and elect candidates for the Board of Supervisors elections who are committed to protecting and preserving Loudoun County's natural resources, rural landscape, suburban communities, rural villages, and gravel roads. The PAC aims to safeguard the county's unique character and ensure a sustainable future for its residents. For more information, visit www.loudouns-future.org.