

Louisa County **Rural Addition Process**

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Construction costs vary widely, but required improvements for a new potential route addition were estimated to exceed \$2.4 million per mile.

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- 1. In practice, the process for ushering a project through this program is more complicated than described in the outline below. (2010 Louisa County Transportation Plan, Chapter 6, State level Transportation programs and Requirements, Process for Acceptance into the State System).
- 2. Citizens on road form Route Representative Committee (RRC), and submit a written request to Community Development Department.
- 3. Road Manager reviews the request and determines if the street qualifies for the Rural Additions Program. This is done in conjunction with review by VDOT.
- 4. The RRC provides completed Petition Form to Road Manager.
- 5. RRC coordinates staking of right-of-way and meets with Road Manager and utility companies to assess relocation of utilities.
- 6. RRC (and property owners) decide if there is a desire and ability to pay for utility relocations.
- 7. Road Manager drafts report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), to add road to Priority List.
- 8. The utility easements are adjusted and the RRC submits final Right-of-Way Form to Road Manager.
- 9. Board of Supervisors (BOS) dedicates the free and unencumbered right-of-way to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
- 10. VDOT completes roadwork.