

We do NOT want our roads paved on Middle River Road (Fletcher area).

We pushed for this back in 2009 and as of today, we still do NOT want our roads paved!

We oppose paving our rural dirt road, to preserve our privacy, maintain a quiet rural atmosphere, and avoid the speeding traffic that smooth pavement tends to attract.

We prefer the rustic, natural look of unpaved surfaces over modern asphalt.

Unpaved dirt roads naturally encourage drivers to slow down and proceed cautiously. In contrast, paved surfaces often lead motorists, including local residents, to drive too fast on winding rural roads.

Our dirt road goes to a dead-end. There is only one way in and one way out. The school buses do not even come up our roads.

If you pave our roads, people won't feel safe walking up here anymore because paved roads tend to make people drive faster.

Our children and grandchildren will not be able to ride their bicycles up here for fear of someone running over them if the road was paved. Our elderly residents won't feel comfortable taking a leisurely walk anymore for their health.

Water Pollution: And the environment...dirt roads cause no harm to streams whereas asphalt causes chemical runoff. Rain washes oils, heavy metals, rubber particles and brake dust off the asphalt road, directly into our river.

In the winter, salt washes into the water, harming native trout and other stream life.

Asphalt in general is dangerous. It has environmental and health hazards.

Erosion and Flooding: Rain runs off pavement a whole lot faster than if the road was dirt. Dirt roads soak in rainwater more slowly.

We strongly urge the council to leave our roads unpaved. Preserving our unpaved roads is the only way to protect our community's unique rural character, prevent speeding, and avoid unnecessary tax burdens on residents. For the safety, finances, and charm of our neighborhood, we ask that you vote against this paving project.

Thank you. (June 2026)

Sonya Ann Ogura

20 June 2026

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Greene County Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Request to prevent paving of Middle River Road/SR 667 in Greene County

Dear Mr. Brich, Ms. Shephard and the Greene County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the residents of the Fletcher area (SR 675) of Middle River Road (SR 667), located in Greene County. It has come to our attention that there may be plans to pave this currently unpaved road.

We are respectfully requesting that VDOT, and the Greene County Board of Supervisors **not** pave this road and instead allow it to remain unpaved.

We oppose the paving of our road for the following reasons:

- **Speed and Safety Concerns:** Keeping the road unpaved naturally encourages drivers to travel at lower, safer speeds. Paving the road will likely lead to increased traffic speeds and endanger local residents and children.
- **Community Character:** Our community values the quiet, rural aesthetic of an unpaved road. Paving alters the fundamental nature of our neighborhood.
- **Environmental Impact:** An unpaved road allows for better natural water drainage and prevents excessive stormwater runoff that asphalt causes.
- **Wildlife Protection:** Unpaved roads act as a deterrent to high-speed commuter cut-through traffic, keeping local wildlife and pedestrians safer.

We ask that this road be removed from any current or near-future paving schedules, and that it remains unpaved to preserve our community's way of life.

Thank you for your time, your service to the Commonwealth, and for considering the voices of our community. I look forward to hearing from you regarding how we can ensure our road remains unpaved.

Sincerely,
Sonya Ann Ogura

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonya Ann Ogura". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

DO NOT PAVE THE DIRT ROAD OF MIDDLE RIVER ROAD!

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These documents are from 2009 when we did NOT want our roads paved then either!

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What's brewing?

Two Greene County friends turn a longstanding hobby into much more.

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Community Connections

In July and August, GRACE will be collecting school supplies to go to local children here in Greene County. Among the current needs are a mentor to sit with a disabled man once a week for 1-2 hours to help him with check writing and

Road bumps?

Residents voice mixed opinions on VDOT's Rustic Road plans

By SUSAN GIBBS
Record Reporter

To pave or not to pave. That was the question for residents of the County's backcountry roads at Greene's Board of Supervisor's meeting July 8.

A total of twelve citizens spoke to the issue. Some residents of Stanardsville's Middle River Road even presented the Board with a petition to stop the scheduled paving of that road.

"We don't want our road paved," said Sonya Ogura. She was one of the 18 people who signed the petition.

Fellow resident Jim Ballard disagreed.

"In summer ... any major thunder storm washes the gravel off the road ... those at the far upper end, we can't get in or out," he said. "In winter, (during) the freeze-thaw cycles several stretches get very soft."

Middle River Road - along with Bingham Mountain Road, Octonia Road, Rosebrook Road and South River Road - is on the County's Six-Year Plan list of roads to be upgraded under the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) Rural Rustic Road program

"We don't want our road paved...If they pave those roads it's going to make people want to drive ... faster and ... that's ... a danger."

—Stanardsville resident
Sonya Ogura
referencing plans to pave Middle River Road

The Program - which, essentially, puts pavement down over gravel on low-volume roads within the state's secondary road system - has recently been changed. The permissible volume on candidate roads was raised from a maximum of 1,000 vehicles per day to a maximum of 1,500 vehicles per day.

Perhaps as a result, people not normally in attendance at Board meeting turned out July 8 to have their say.

Ogura wants it to remain unpaved because, she said, the area is "a peaceful place to live."

"Sure, we might have floods, the roads get torn up, Ogura argued, "but ... it's a great place to raise your kids ... it's a great place for pets, horses and walking. If they pave those roads it's going to make

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Hunter Dabler Purdy horse Dollar during S Barrel-Racing Exhibit in Stanardsville, Mo.

Stanardsville contemplates n

Decision is partly in reaction to complaints of disrupt

6007 Middle River Road
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14 January 2009

Allan D. Sumpter
Resident Administrator
701 VDOT Way
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Dear Mr. Sumpter:

Subject: Middle River Road

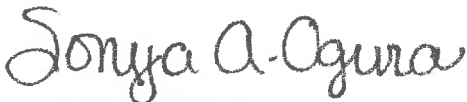
I am writing this letter to discuss Middle River Road. I am sure there are a lot of legalities regarding what can be done and what can not be done to Middle River Road. I understand from the meeting last night, the Commonwealth of Virginia is broke. Well everybody knows that! The Commonwealth of Virginia cannot even house all the prisoners that are incarcerated. They are letting them out early and closing some of the prisons down. Anyway - I would like to help VDOT make an enormous decision. PLEASE - DO NOT pave Middle River Road. The very few Greene County tax payers who actually reside on that road DO NOT want Middle River Road paved. That road is a one way in and one way out road. As you know it goes to the end and turns around.

No school buses have ever traveled that road. When I was a kid I walked that road every day to meet the school bus down by Fletcher Bridge. It was a pleasant walk. I could name a hundred reasons why not to pave the roads, but the main reason is that we like our dirt roads. We like the mud, the dust, the snow, the ice, the wear and tear on our vehicles, etc. etc. It is very few places these days where you can just get on a country road and take a nice relaxing drive on a dirt road.

Please allocate the Commonwealth's money appropriately and pave Simms Road. The school bus travels on that road 4 times a day with two school busses. Not only that, there are twice if not more people residing on that road than on Middle River Road. Anyway - I just needed to express my opinion. I sure hope that you guys/gals make the right decision for the people who actually reside and pay taxes on Middle River Road.

If for some reason you need to contact me, please feel free to do so. My work telephone number is (434) 980-7466, M-F, 8-5, my home number is (434) 985-6007.

Thank you very much,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonya A. Ogura". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Ms. Sonya Ann Ogura

We vote NO on paving Middle River Rd (State Route 667). There is a 5 degree temperature change when you go from the paved road to the dirt road. This allows us to turn off the AC during the summer and enjoy the fresh air. The dirt road is original and causes no harm to the stream; can you say that about the paved road? And what about guard rails? You will have to install guard rails; this will take away from the beauty of the stream. And I am a firm believer that once you pave this road it will bring more traffic, lookiey loo's, which will also cause people to speed on this road, you can watch as people slow down considerably when they come to the dirt road, do you honestly believe people will slow down after it is paved? Don't think so!!!! And at this time during a nationwide financial situation, you want to spend money needlessly, on a paved road that the majority does not want? What about all of the state people who were layer off last Friday, how many more jobs will this paving take away? We all saw your vehicle counters when you were surveying the traffic flow. What those counters don't tell you is that one fifth of those cars were the same retired people who drive up and down this road all day, or ATV's. Those counters are way far from being accurate. This road does not need paving, nor do we want it. What about winter time? Now when you pave it are you going to plow and salt it?

I bought my home in 1977 and have lived up here since 1992, to get away from the city and to get away from the rat race. I moved up here in 1992 permanently because the rats are winning. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE CITY UP HERE!!!!!!

Thank You


10/12/08

Samuel J. Goble
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**Petition
To
Stop The Paving Middle River Road
State Route 667**

We the undersigned do respectfully demand that the last of Middle River Road (State Route 667) from Fletchers Bridge (state route 675) NOT be paved in any manner. We enjoy the country rustic of a gravel road and enjoy the peacefulness that it brings. We enjoy the nature and the beauty of the Conway River as a gravel road. Paving this road would only increase hazards for the citizens that enjoy walks along the Conway River, of speeding vehicles. This also represents an extreme hazard to our pets and children whom are accustomed to the natural way and enjoys the rustic beauty also. We feel that any paving would contaminate the Conway River, destroying the natural beauty and wildlife along the river. We are all citizens and taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and feel our tax money could be spent in better ways than paving the beauty of the Conway River. We do expect the state and county to maintain the gravel road which has been done for many years in the past. We affix our names for the betterment of the community and natural beauty, on this day starting April 15, 2008.

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