



Albemarle County Unpaved Road Paving Process

Rural Rustic, Unpaved Road Repairs

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Agenda

- Clarifying the Unpaved Road Improvement steps
- Identify future roads for the Maintained Gravel Roads list
- Prioritize types of projects for the SSYP



Secondary Six-Year Plan Background

- The Secondary Six-Year Plan is a VDOT document that
 - Applies to roads in the secondary system
 - Identifies the funding allocated for the next fiscal year and estimates the available funding for the next five fiscal years,
 - Telefee and District Grant Unpaved Funds
 - \$1,207,087 tentatively available in FY27 for Albemarle County projects (primarily for paving unpaved roads)
 - Lists the Albemarle County projects that will receive funding from these sources
 - Updated and adopted by the Board of Supervisors annually



Definitions

Rural Rustic Roads: Requested to be paved, have 2/3 support, VDOT eligible, BOS support

URIP: EITHER more than 1/3 reject paving, VDOT ineligible, BOS rejected; will be improved, not paved



Unpaved Road Improvement Steps

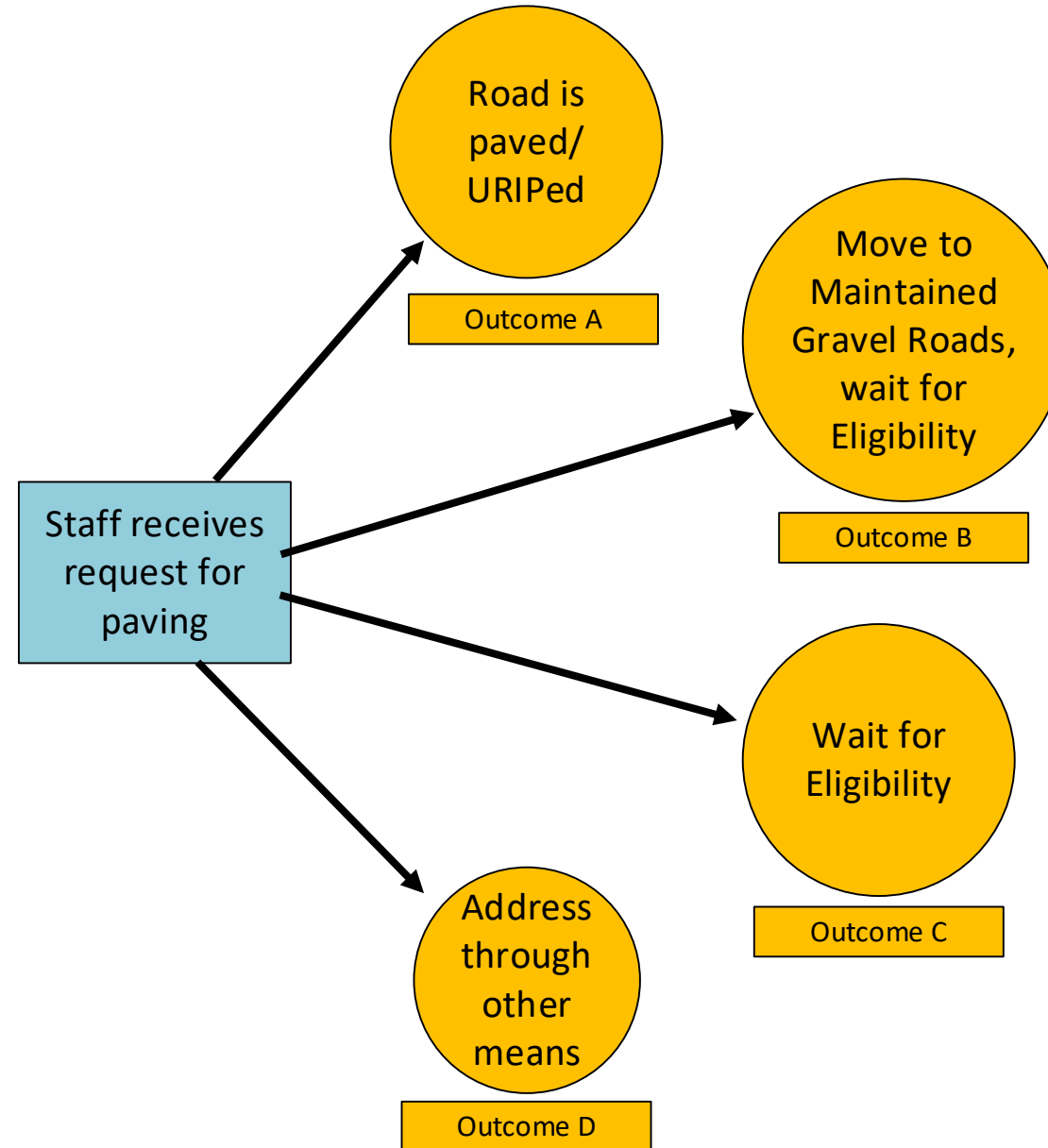
1. Staff receives a complaint about a road and determines if the issues require the RR toolkit to be sent

- a. The toolkit includes pros/cons language (below):

Unpaved and paved roads both have positive and negative characteristics. A paved road tends to see speeds increase, may attract more through traffic, and create a less pleasant environment for walking/biking/riding. Unpaved roads provide a poor surface for vehicle control, cause significant dust, require more maintenance, and send stone and silt into adjacent waterways.

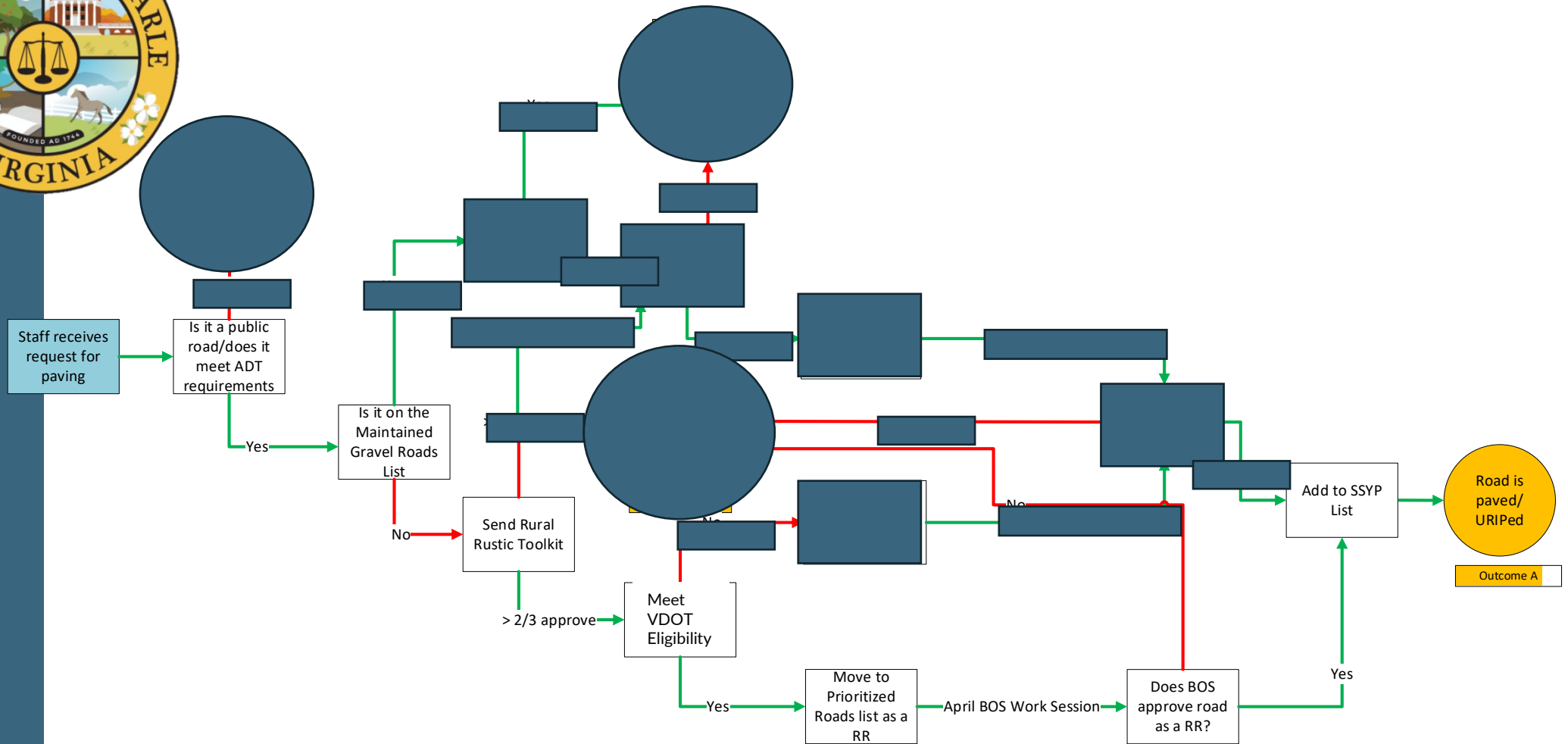


Unpaved Road Outcomes



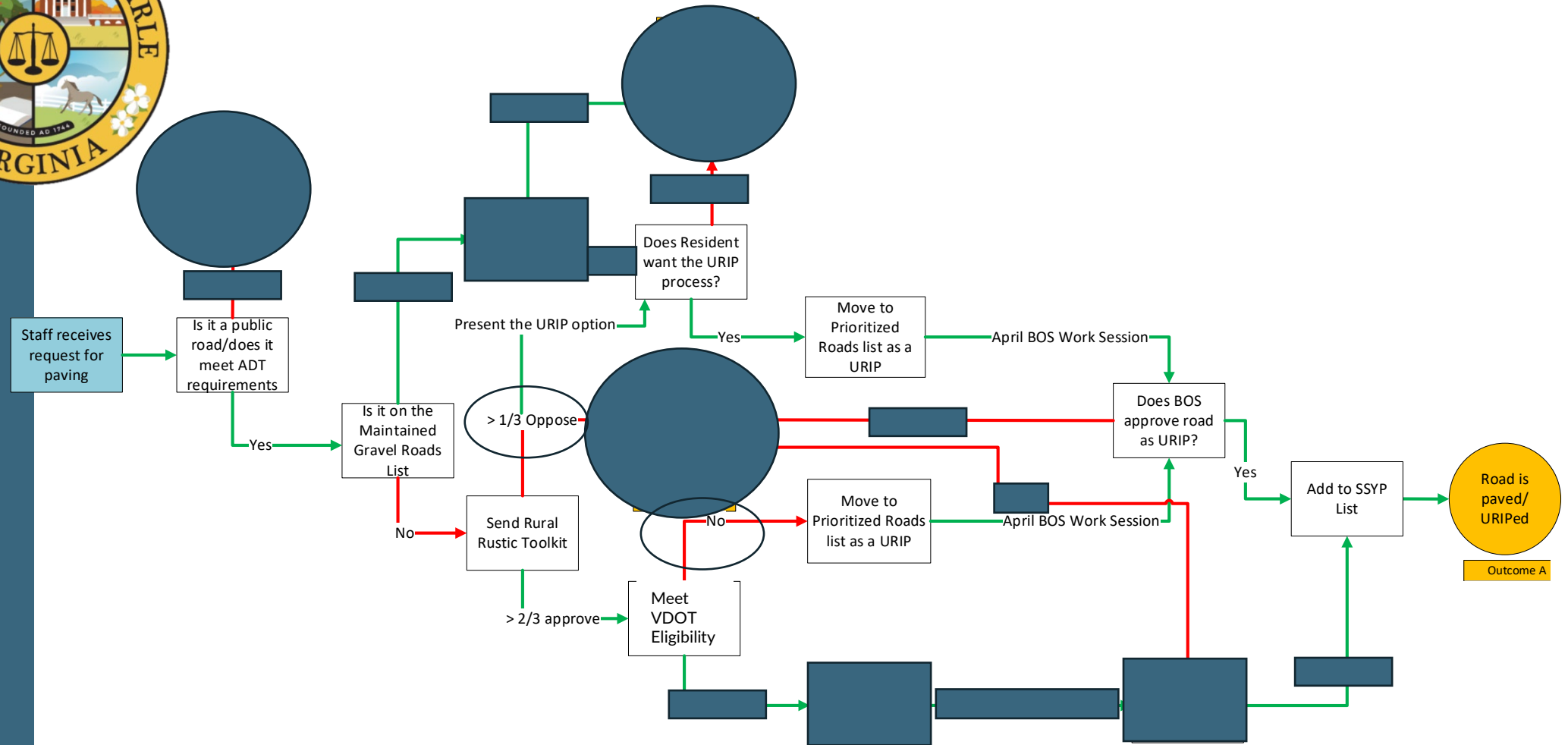


Rural Rustic Paving Path



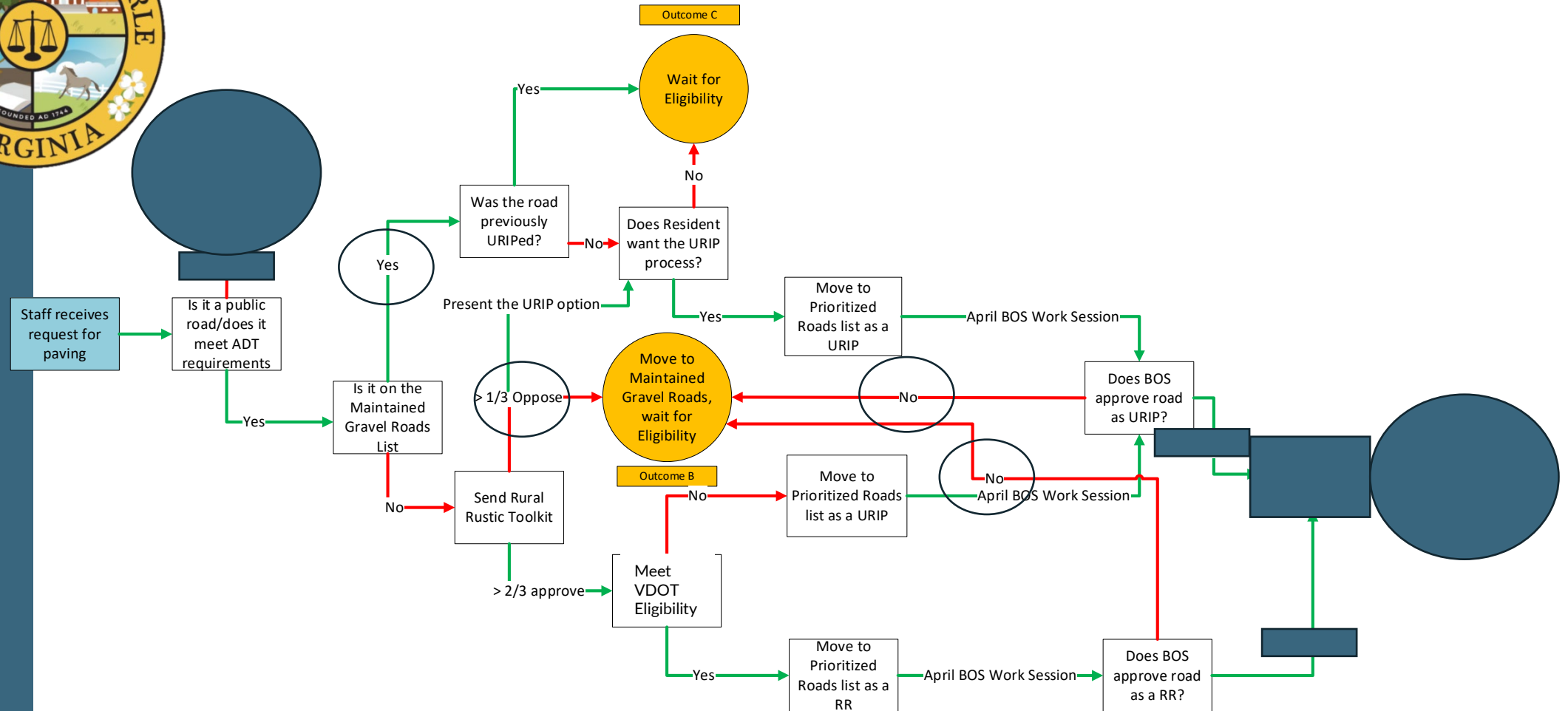


URIP Project Path



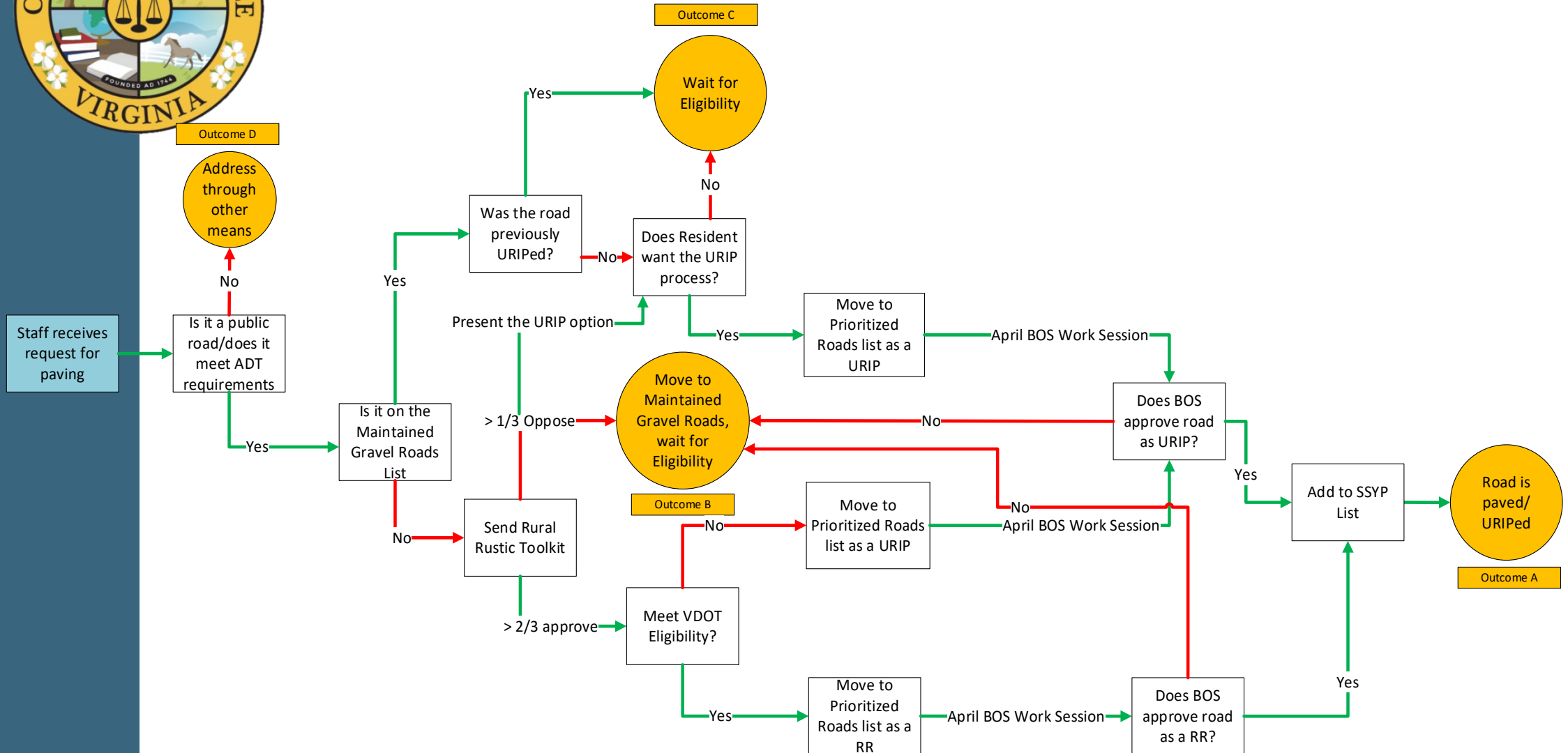


Maintained Gravel Roads Path





Full Flowchart





Proposed Maintained Gravel Roads

1. Staff researched unpaved roads that are recommended for recreation through local sporting groups
2. The roads recommended only include thru roads
 - a. Dead-end roads can be added to the list if the BOS desires

List of roads considered to be added to the Maintained Gravels Road list in April 2027.

1. Dick Woods Road
2. Ballards Mill Road
3. Wesley Chapel Road
4. Slam Gate Road
5. Jones Mill Road
6. Midway Road
7. Pounding Creek Road
8. Ridge Road



Conclusions

- RR and URIP will be merged in the SSYP, with some projects including paving and some focusing on improvement without paving
- Projects will be prioritized by ADT regardless if they are URIP or RR projects
- The BOS may choose to add any secondary road to the “Maintained Gravel List” list for six years at a time at the work session. After that, it will become open for paving requests



Next steps

- Staff will continue to prepare the FY 28-33 SSYP using the format presented
- Staff will continue to receive feedback on the process and work with VDOT to implement



Recreational Road Research Methodology

Cross checked [Cville Bike Club](#) and [Ragged Mountain Running](#) for their recommendations on roads to recreate on.

Strava Metro is limited in its ability to count walkers and bikers