

# Virginia Byways



# What is a Scenic Byway?

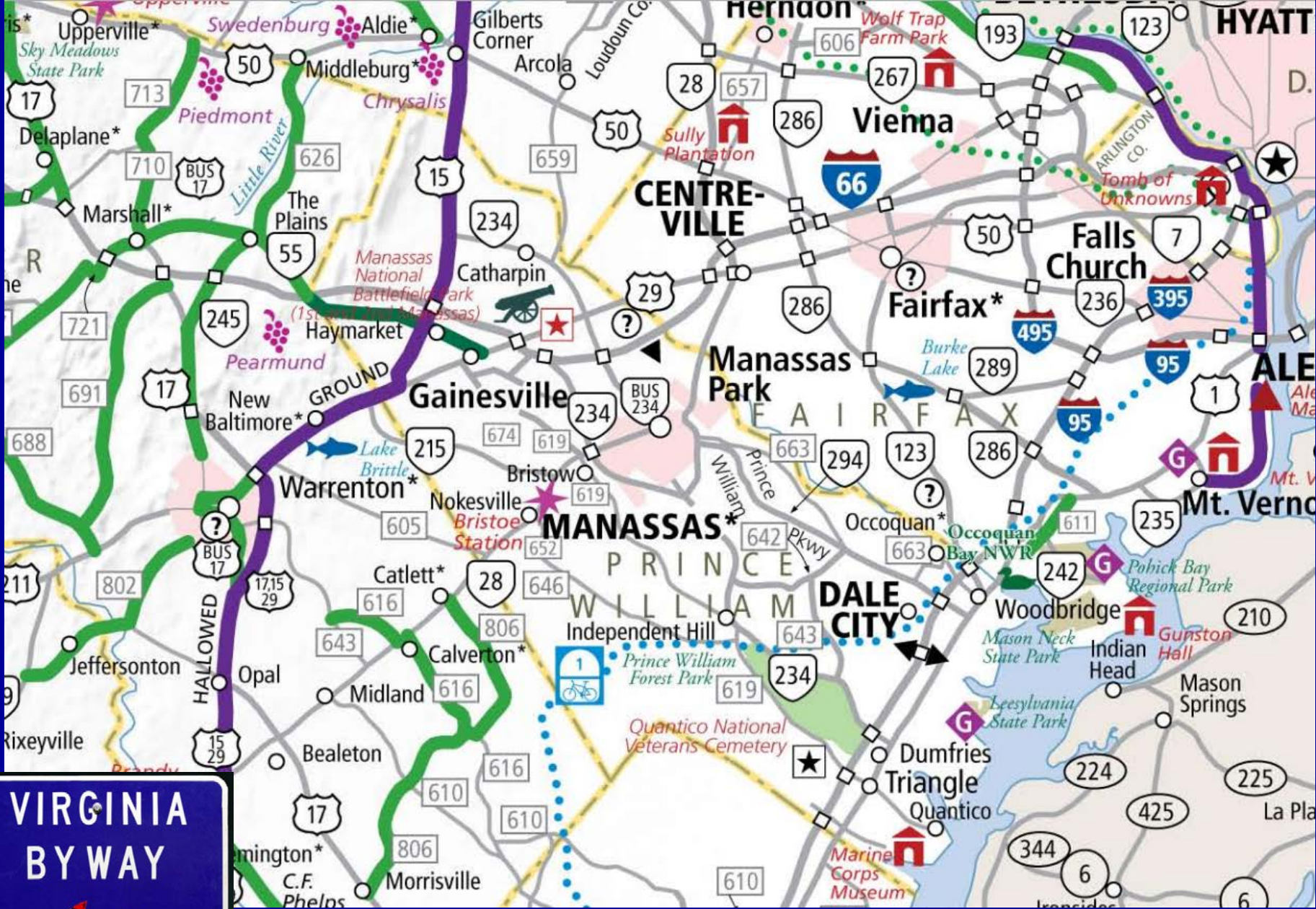
Is a road having relatively high aesthetic or cultural value, leading to or within areas of historical, natural or recreational significance



# Definitions

- **Virginia Byway**
  - Roads designated under the Virginia Byways Program
- **Scenic Roads**
  - Roads that meet the criteria, but have not been designated by VDOT





# Why Designate ?

- To provide an awareness of the uniqueness of the area
- To become part of the coordinated promotional strategy for Virginia Tourism - <http://www.virginia.org/ScenicDrives/>





**Program Goal:**  
**to emphasize the importance of the  
byway, and its intrinsic qualities;  
Scenic, historic, recreational, culture,  
natural and archeological.**

# Pros

- Does not affect land use
- Does not limit road improvements
- Is eligible for federal scenic byway funds

# Cons

- Might limit the placement or removal of outdoor signage
- Must have local government endorsement





## Criteria

1. Important & unique scenic values & experiences
2. Diverse landscape experience
3. Linkages & access



# Criteria (continued)

4. Leisurely motoring experience
5. Landscape Control & Management
6. Enhancements can occur





# What Qualifies

- Two-lane roads
- Landscapes of variety
- Roads that connect to other byways
- Regionally significant



# What Does Not Qualify

- Divided roads
- Roads with lots of derelict properties
- Dirt roads
- Roads that are not unique



# Considerations

- There are no imposed land use controls.
- There are limits on outdoor signage.
- There are no restrictions on road improvements.



# Process

## 1. Request for review & provide:

- Historic listing from DHR
- Local planning controls

## 2. Review

- DCR & VDOT

## 3. Recommendation/ denial

- Resolution from local Board

# Process (continued)

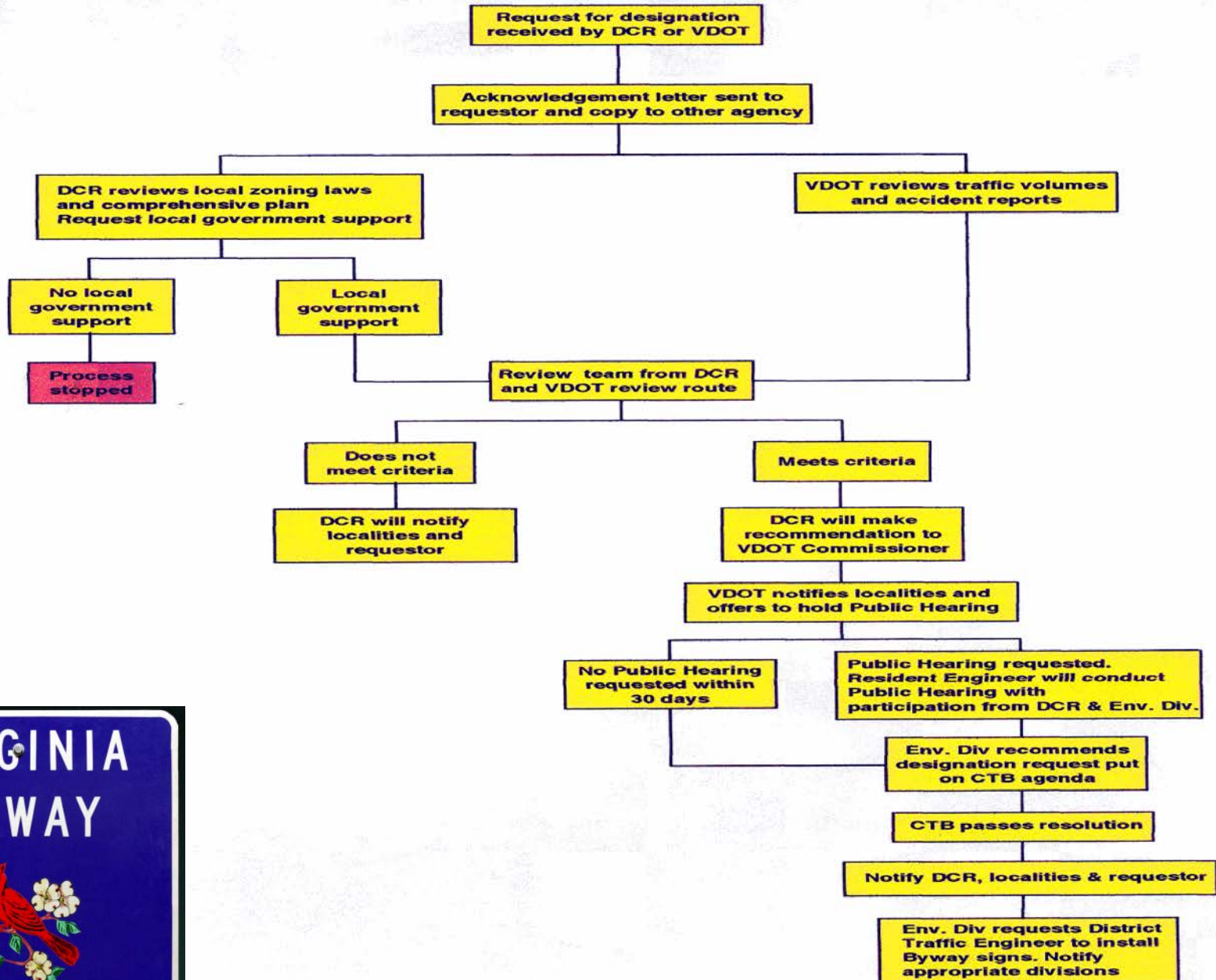
**4. CTB Review &  
Designation**

**5. Signs installed**

**6. Periodic review**



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- **Websites**

<http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/prog-byways.asp>

[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational\\_planning/sr-ivb.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/sr-ivb.shtml)

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