



Maryland Department of Planning

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July 26, 2013

Mildred L. Myers, Mayor  
Town of Smithsburg  
P.O. Box 237  
Smithsburg, MD 21783 - 0237

Dear Mayor Myers:

RE: MDP's review of adopted tier map; No comments

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the Town of Smithsburg Growth Tier Map adopted by the Town of Smithsburg on December 4, 2012 through Resolution #2012-03. This action establishes growth tiers under Title 1, Subtitle 5 of the Land Use Article ("LU") of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the Town of Smithsburg.

LU §1-505 allows the Department to comment on growth tiers adopted by local jurisdictions. The Maryland Department of Planning is pleased to advise you that the map adopted by the Town of Smithsburg satisfies the statutory requirements of LU §1-508 for designation of growth tiers. The Department therefore has no comments on the adopted map.

Please be advised that the law requires that the growth tiers are to be incorporated into the Town's comprehensive plan or an element of the plan when the Town conducts its six year review of the plan. If the growth tiers are not incorporated into the comprehensive plan or an element of the plan during the 6-year review, the law indicates that the growth tiers may not be considered as adopted and the restrictions on major subdivisions outside sewer areas shall apply.

To date, we have not received a tier map from Washington County. Should there be any conflicts between the Town's mapping and that of the County, the Act provides a process for resolution.

Martin O'Malley, Governor  
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

Richard Eberhart Hall, AICP, Secretary  
Amanda Stakem Conn, Esq., Deputy Secretary

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Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Director of Planning Services

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