



Maryland Department of Planning

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December 18, 2012

Jon Arason, AICP, Director
145 Gorman Street, 3rd Floor,
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear; Mr. Arason;

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the City of Annapolis Growth Tier Map (dated October 22, 2012) administratively adopted by the City of Annapolis, as indicated in your letter dated November 19, 2012. This action establishes growth tiers under the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 for the City of Annapolis.

The Act allows the Department to comment on mapped growth tiers when the Department determines that the growth tiers do not meet the criteria established by the Act.

The Maryland Department of Planning is pleased to advise you that the map adopted by the City of Annapolis satisfies the criteria for designation of growth tiers under the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012. The Department therefore has no comments on the adopted map.

Please be advised that the growth tiers shall be incorporated into the City's comprehensive plan or an element of the plan when the City 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 that 6-year review, Senate Bill 236 provides that the growth tiers may not be considered as adopted and the restrictions on major subdivisions outside sewer areas shall apply.

Anne Arundel County may be submitting growth tier maps to the Department. To date, we have not received a tier map from the County. Should there be any conflicts between the City's mapping and that of the County, the Act provides a process for resolution. We do not anticipate that such maps would be in conflict with the criteria under the Act or with the County's adopted map.

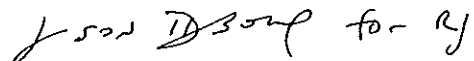
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Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Josephson for RJ".

Rich Josephson
Director of Planning Services

cc: Larry R. Tom, Planning & Zoning Officer, Anne Arundel County
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