

March 7, 2013

William P. Beall, Mayor Town of Federalsburg 118 North Main Street Federalsburg, MD 21632

Dear Mayor Beall:

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the Town of Federalsburg Growth Tier Map (dated September 27, 2012) adopted by the Town of Federalsburg Mayor and Council by Resolution 2012-14 on December 3, 2012. 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 Federalsburg.

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 Federalsburg 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 sewered areas shall apply.

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

Finally, we would like to note that in MDP's comments on the Town of Federalsburg 2006 Comprehensive Plan, MDP estimates that there is sufficient capacity for a large portion of projected household growth by 2035 within the Town limits. MDP encourages the Town to implement infill and redevelopment to accommodate this projected growth before annexing portions of the identified growth area.

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

Sincerely,

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