

July 26, 2013

Ralph W. Whitmore, Burgess Town of Walkersville P.O. Box 249 Walkersville, MD 21793 - 0249

Dear Burgess Whitmore:

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

Thank you for sending the Department of Planning your letter (dated May 1, 2013). The letter indicates that the Burgess and Commissioners of the Town of Walkersville adopted Frederick County's revised tier map (adopted February 26, 2013). 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 Walkersville.

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 Walkersville 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.

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

Sincerely,

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