



Maryland Department of Planning

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May 10, 2013

Paul C. Edwards, Mayor
Town of Grantsville
171 Hill Street
Grantsville, MD 21536

Dear Mayor Edwards:

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

Thank you for sending the Department of Planning your letter (dated December 11, 2012). The letter indicates that the Town Council of Grantsville adopted, on December 10, 2012, Garrett County's adopted tier map (dated December 4, 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 Grantsville.

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 Grantsville 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rich Josephson', is written over a blue circular stamp.

Rich Josephson
Director of Planning Services

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