



Maryland Department of Planning

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January 9, 2013

Amy G. Moredock, Planning Director
Kent County Government Center
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Dear Ms. Moredock:

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the official Kent County Tier Map adopted by the Commissioners of Kent County on December 4, 2012. This action establishes growth tiers under the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 for Kent County.

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 official Kent County Tier Map adopted by the Commissioners of Kent County 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 County's comprehensive plan or an element of the plan when the County 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 sewered areas shall apply.

Municipalities within Kent County may be submitting growth tier maps to the Department. To date, we have received a resolution (signed December 3, 2012) and official Tier Map from Chestertown that establishes growth tiers for the town and its municipal growth area. MDP has determined that the town's tier designations in its municipal growth area are consistent with the

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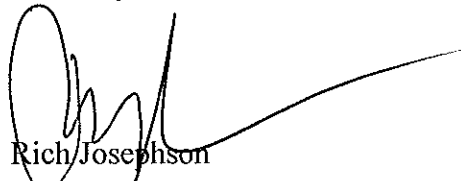
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County's. Should there be any conflicts between other municipalities' mapping and that of the County, the Act provides a process for resolution. We do not anticipate that such maps would be in conflict with the criteria under the Act or with the County's adopted map.

We would like to recognize the County's staff for their outstanding work in preparing the County's growth tier map.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Josephson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rich Josephson
Director of Planning Services

cc: Ronald H. Fithian, President, Commissioners of Kent County
Richard Hall, Secretary, MDP
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