

April 8, 2013

Luke Fedders, Mayor Town of Barnesville P.O. Box 95 Barnesville, MD 20838

Dear Mayor Fedders:

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the Town of Barnesville Growth Tier Map adopted by the Town of Barnesville on December 6, 2012, through Ordinance No. 2012-001 (enacted December 6, 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 Barnesville.

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 Barnesville 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.

Montgomery County adopted its growth tier map on September 18, 2012. Based on MDP's review, we did not find any conflicts between the County adopted map and the Town's adopted map. In addition, your December 21, 2012 letter indicates that the Town has verified with Montgomery County that no conflicts exist.

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Richard Eberhart Hall, AICP, Secretary Matthew J. Power, Deputy Secretary Mayor Luke Fedders April 8, 2013 Page 2

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

Sincerely,

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Director of Planning Services

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