

July 26, 2013

Randolph L. Esty, Mayor Town of Queen Anne P. O. Box 365 Queen Anne, MD 21657 - 0365

Dear Mayor Esty:

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 Queen Anne Growth Tier Map (dated February 4, 2013) adopted by the Town of Queen Anne on February 4, 2013 through Resolution #13-01. 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 Queen Anne.

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 Queen Anne 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, Talbot County has adopted a tier map and Queen Anne's County has not done so. Based on MDP's review, we did not find any conflicts between the Talbot County designations and the Town's designations. Should there be any conflicts between the Town's mapping and that of Queen Anne's County, the Act provides a process for

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

Sincerely,

Richard Josephson, AICP

Director of Planning Services

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