

April 8, 2013

Robert C. Willey, Mayor Town of Easton 14 South Harrison Street Easton, Maryland 21601

Dear Mayor Willey:

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 Easton Growth Tier Map (dated December 27, 2012) administratively adopted by the Town of Easton on December 28, 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 Easton.

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 Easton 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.

Talbot County adopted its growth tier map on December 11, 2012. Based on MDP's review, we did not find any conflicts between the County designations of the Easton Municipal Growth Area and the Town's designations.

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

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

Sincerely,

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