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December 19, 2012

Richard Josephson, Director
Planning Services
Maryland Department of Planning
301 West Preston St., Suite 1101
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Adoption of Tiers map in accordance with the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012

Dear Mr. Josephson:

In accordance with the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (SB 236), the Town of Smithsburg has coordinated with staff from the Washington County Planning Department and the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) to develop a "Septic Tiers" map that conforms to the law. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the resolution of adoption and a hard copy of the map. Digital data will be supplied to the MDP from the Washington County Planning Department GIS Staff via email by December 31, 2012.

We acknowledge that part of the MDP's responsibilities as outlined in the law is to perform a formal review and provide comments back to the Town. As such, if you have any written comments regarding this action, they may be sent to Smithsburg Town Hall, P.O. Box 237, Smithsburg, MD 21783. If you have any other questions regarding this action please contact Town Hall at 301-824-7234.

Sincerely,

Mildred Myers, Mayor
Town of Smithsburg, Maryland

Enc.: as noted

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TOWN OF SMITHSBURG

RESOLUTION # 2012-03

WHEREAS, Governor O'Malley on April 18, 2011, issued an Executive Order creating the Task Force on Sustainable Growth and Wastewater Disposal, which consisted of a broad cross-section of representatives from business, agriculture, science, environmental advocacy, and government from throughout Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force was charged with recommending regulatory, statutory and other actions to address the impact of major developments served by on-site sewage disposal systems, commonly known as septic systems, and their effects on pollution, land preservation, agri-business, and smart growth; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force reported its findings in December 2011 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (SB236), adopted by the Maryland Legislature in 2012, embodies the nearly unanimous recommendations of the Task Force on planning for growth served by on-site sewage disposal systems and where major subdivisions served by on-site sewage disposal systems and shared facilities can be located; and

WHEREAS, The SB236 requires participating local jurisdictions to adopt Growth Tier Maps indicating those areas served by public sewerage systems, those areas intended to be served by public sewerage systems, and those areas not planned for sewerage service, and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the provisions of the SB236, The Town of Smithsburg has developed a SB236 Growth Tier Map, assigning Growth Tier designations to those lands within the municipal boundary and to those lands within the municipal growth area as shown within the Town of Smithsburg's comprehensive plan.

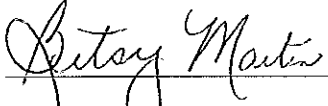
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SB236 Growth Tier Map for The Town of Smithsburg is hereby adopted and is to become effective upon its passage.

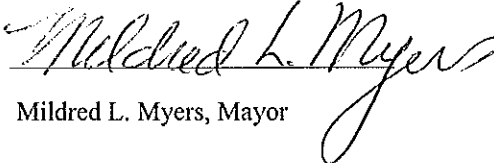
WITNESS AND ATTEST

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE

AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

TOWN OF SMITHSBURG, MARYLAND


Betsy Martin, Town Clerk


Mildred L. Myers, Mayor

Introduced: 12-4-12

Adopted: 12-4-12

Effective Date: 12-4-12