



Maryland Department of Planning

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April 8, 2013

Brian K. Grim, Mayor
City of Cumberland
57 North Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

Dear Mayor Grim:

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the City of Cumberland Growth Tier Map (dated December 18, 2012) adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Cumberland on December 18, 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 City of Cumberland.

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 City of Cumberland 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 City's comprehensive plan or an element of the plan when the City 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 sewerred areas shall apply.

Allegany County adopted its growth tier map on December 20, 2012. Based on MDP's review, we did not find any conflicts between the County designations of the Cumberland Municipal Growth Area and the City's designations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rich Josephson', is written over a faint, larger signature that is mostly illegible.

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