May 10, 2013

J. Daniel Laffey, Mayor
Town of Westernport
107 Washington Street
Westernport, MD 21562

Dear Mayor Laffey:

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

Thank you for sending the Department of Planning your letter (dated October 19, 2012). The letter indicates that the Town of Westernport adopted Allegany County’s tier map. Even though this action was based on the Allegany County tier map prior to adoption, our review of the Allegany County adopted tier map shows no changes in tier designations for the Town of Westernport and its growth areas. 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 Westernport.

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 Westernport 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.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rich Josephson
Director of Planning Services
cc:  David A. Dorsey, Acting Planning Coordinator, Department of Community Services
     Bill Atkinson, Director, MDP Western Maryland Office
     Jay Sakai, Director, Water Management Administration, MDE
     Jason Dubow, Director, Environmental Planning Division, MDP