May 10, 2013

Mayor Michael P. Miller  
Town of Sykesville  
7547 Main Street  
Sykesville, MD 21784

Dear Mayor Miller:

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 Sykesville Growth Tier Map adopted by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Sykesville by Resolution 2012-05 on December 10, 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 Sykesville.

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 Sykesville 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, we have not received a tier map from Carroll County. Should there be any conflicts between the Town’s mapping and that of the County, the Act provides a process for resolution.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rich Josephson  
Director of Planning Services

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