



Maryland Department of Planning

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May 10, 2013

Mayor Roy G. Hale
Town of La Plata
P.O. Box 2268
La Plata, Maryland 20646

Dear Mayor Hale:

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 La Plata Growth Tier Map adopted by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of La Plata by Resolution 12-8 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 Town of La Plata.

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 La Plata 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 sewer areas shall apply.

To date, we have not received a tier map from Charles 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rich Josephson', is written over a thin blue horizontal line.

Rich Josephson
Director of Planning Services

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