



**SOMERSET COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Gary R. Pusey, Director

December 28, 2012

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

RE: Somerset County Growth Tier Map Adoption

Dear Mr. Josephson:

On December 18, 2012, the Somerset County Commissioners adopted a Growth Tier Map for the unincorporated areas of the County in accordance with the provisions of the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012.

The adopted map was prepared after extensive review and discussion by the Planning Commission, Planning Staff, local municipal officials, and residents of the County, and included input received from your Department, prior to being submitted to the County Commissioners. The Growth Tiers are shown on the enclosed compact disc.

A number of changes were made to the County's initial Draft Maps as a result of informal comments received from your Department. Although not all of the recommended changes were made, the majority of the discrepancies are due to minor mapping issues and interpretation of boundary locations contained in the County's adopted plans, such as service areas in the Water and Sewer Plan and growth areas in the Comprehensive Plan. A general explanation of the comments that did not result in mapping revisions is included in the attachment to this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 410-651-1424.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Pusey, Director
Somerset County Dept. of Technical &
Community Services

Cc: Ralph D. Taylor, Somerset County Administrator (without CD)
Richard E. Hall, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning (without CD)
Matt Power, Deputy Secretary, MDP (without CD)
Jason Dubow, Director, Environmental Planning, MDP
Tracey Gordy, Director, Lower Eastern Shore Regional Office, MDP

Enclosure