

December 18, 2012

Mayor Neal C. Roop Town of New Windsor 211 High Street P.O. Box 609 New Windsor, Maryland 21776

Dear Mayor Roop,

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the Town of New Windsor Growth Tier Map (dated November 7, 2012) adopted by the Mayor and Town Council of New Windsor, as indicated in your letter dated December 5th, 2012. This action establishes growth tiers under the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 for the Town of New Windsor.

The Act allows the Department to comment on mapped growth tiers when the Department determines that the growth tiers do not meet the criteria established by the Act.

The Maryland Department of Planning is pleased to advise you that the map adopted by the Town of New Windsor satisfies the criteria for designation of growth tiers under the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012. The Department therefore has no comments on the adopted map.

Please be advised that the growth tiers shall 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 that 6-year review, Senate Bill 236 provides that the growth tiers may not be considered as adopted and the restrictions on major subdivisions outside sewered areas shall apply.

Carroll County may be submitting growth tier maps to the Department. To date, we have not received a tier map from the County. Should there be any conflicts between the Town's mapping and that of the County, the Act provides a process for resolution. We do not anticipate that such maps would be in conflict with the criteria under the Act or with the County's adopted map.

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Richard Eberhart Hall, AICP, Secretary Matthew J. Power, Deputy Secretary Mayor Neal Roop December 18, 2012 Page 2

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

Sincerely,

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