

January 25, 2013

Richard E. Hall, Secretary
Maryland Department of Planning
301 West Preston Street, Suite 1101
Baltimore, MD 21201

**Re: Town of Sykesville
Septic Tier Map (SB236)
PlanMaryland Planning Area map**

Dear Mr. Hall:

Enclosed, please find the following document with reference to the above:

- Town of Sykesville Resolution No. 2012-05 with the Septic Tier Map (SB236) as Exhibit 'A', and the PlanMaryland Planning Area Map as Exhibit 'B' attached thereto. The Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Town Council on December 10, 2012.

Should you have questions, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Dawn Ashbacher
Town Manager

cc: Jason Dubrow, MDP
Melissa Appler, MDP
Barbara Kearney, Carroll County Bureau Comprehensive Planning

TOWN OF SYKESVILLE
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05

A **RESOLUTION** of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Sykesville (the “Town”) to adopt the Senate Bill 236 (“SB 236”) Growth Tier Map and PlanMaryland Planning Area Map, attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** and **Exhibit “B”** respectively, and available at the Town administrative office for further inspection.

WHEREAS, Governor O’Malley on April 18, 2011, issued an Executive Order creating the Task Force on Sustainable Growth and Wastewater Disposal, which consisted of a broad cross-section of representatives from business, agriculture, science, environmental advocacy, and government from throughout Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was charged with recommending regulatory, statutory and other actions to address the impact of major developments served by on-site sewage disposal systems, commonly known as septic systems, and their effects on pollution, land preservation, agri-business, and smart growth; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force reported its findings in December 2011 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (SB 236), adopted by the Maryland Legislature in 2012, embodies the nearly unanimous recommendations of the Task Force on planning for growth served by on-site sewage disposal systems and where major subdivisions served by on-site sewage disposal systems and shared facilities can be located; and

WHEREAS, SB 236 requires participating local jurisdictions to adopt Growth Tier Maps indicating those areas served by public sewerage systems, those areas intended to be served by public sewerage systems, and those areas not planned for sewerage service; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the provisions of the SB 236, the Town has developed a SB 236 Growth Tier Map (the “Town of Sykesville SB 236 – Tier Map”), assigning Growth Tier designations to those lands within the municipal boundary and to those lands within the municipal growth area as shown within the Town’s comprehensive plan (a copy of the Town of Sykesville SB 236 – Tier Map is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** and is also available for copying and inspection at the Town administrative office); and

WHEREAS, The Code of Maryland Regulations has required the Maryland Department of Planning (“MDP”) to prepare a State Development Plan since 1959, a duty reaffirmed by the legislative adoption of the 1974 Land Use Act; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Maryland General Assembly empowered the Task Force on the Future of Growth and Development as a consulting advisor to MDP to begin formulating the first State Development Plan and in 2010 the General Assembly established the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission to advise MDP on the preparation and content of that same plan; and

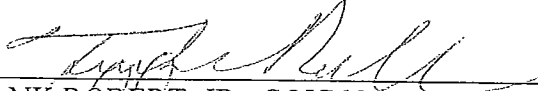
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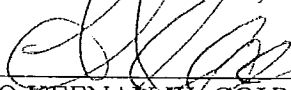
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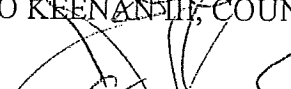
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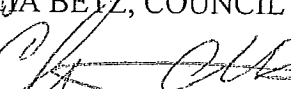
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