



Maryland Department of Planning

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December 18, 2012

Mr. Russell W. Blake, City Manager
City of Pocomoke City
P.O. Box 29
Pocomoke City, Maryland 21851

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

Dear Mr. Blake,

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of Emergency Resolution #472 adopted by Pocomoke City on December 3, 2012. This resolution establishes growth tiers under the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 for Pocomoke City and references the official map displaying the Growth Tier areas.

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 Pocomoke City 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 City's comprehensive plan or an element of the plan when the City 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 sewer areas shall apply.

Worcester 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 City'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.

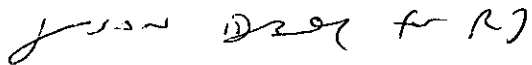
Martin O'Malley, Governor
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Richard Eberhart Hall, AICP, Secretary
Matthew J. Power, Deputy Secretary

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Josephson". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Rich Josephson
Director of Planning Services

cc: Ed Tudor, Planning Director, Worcester County
Tracey Gordy, Director, MDP LES Regional Office
Jay Sakai, Director, Water Management Administration, MDE
Jason Dubow, Director, Environmental Planning Division, MDP