



## TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE

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John Nelson  
Maryland Department of Planning

Dear John:

I would like to thank you and your staff for offering your expertise in complying with the mandates of SB 236, Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012. The goal of the law is to limit the disproportionate impacts of large subdivision on septic systems on the State's farm and forest land, streams, rivers, and Chesapeake and Coastal Bays. The required mapping of the Growth Tier is intended to be a straight-forward exercise based on existing plans and goals for growth and land preservation. The Town of Grantsville does not have the GIS expertise to meet the mapping requirements and appreciates your office's assistance.

By viewing the map provided by your office, it is clear that majority of properties within the Town Limits have been mapped as Tier 1, which are properties that are currently served by sewer. There are several other parcels along MD Route 669 that are mapped as Tier 2A. At this time these properties are not in the Garrett County Water and Sewer Plan.

As for the mapping of the Town's Growth Areas, the areas which have sewer are shown along MD Route 40 and the Chestnut Ridge area to the East, and the Industrial Park area to the South. These areas are designated as Tier 1. The Tier 2A areas are shown adjacent to the Industrial Park, and along MD Route 669. Tier 4 areas are shown in the majority of Grantsville's Growth Area to the north of Town and extend to the Pennsylvania State Line.

On behalf of the Town of Grantsville, I would like to endorse the mapping created by the Garrett County Planning and Land Development Office for SB 236 Growth Tier's. The Town Council has officially approved this map for submission to the Maryland Department of Planning and the Maryland Department of the Environment to satisfy the requirements of SB 236 on December 10, 2012.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul C. Edwards', is written over a white background.

Paul C. Edwards, Mayor