



Maryland Department of Planning

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March 7, 2013

Sidney A. Katz, Mayor  
City of Gaithersburg  
31 South Summit Ave  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Dear Mayor Katz:

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the City of Gaithersburg Growth Tier Map (dated December 18, 2012) adopted by the City of Gaithersburg, as indicated in the City's letter dated December 18, 2012. This action establishes growth tiers under Title 1, Subtitle 5 of the Land Use Article ("LU") of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the City of Gaithersburg.

LU §1-505 allows the Department to comment on growth tiers adopted by local jurisdictions. The Maryland Department of Planning is pleased to advise you that the map adopted by the City of Gaithersburg satisfies the statutory requirements of LU §1-508 for designation of growth tiers. The Department therefore has no comments on the adopted map.

Please be advised that the law requires that the growth tiers are to 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 the 6-year review, the law indicates that the growth tiers may not be considered as adopted and the restrictions on major subdivisions outside sewered areas shall apply.

Montgomery County adopted its growth tier map on September 18, 2012. Based on MDP's review, we did not find any conflicts between the County adopted map and the Town's adopted map.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Josephson', is written over a thin horizontal line.

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