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December 20, 2012

Mr. Rich Josephson  
Director of Planning Services  
Maryland Department of Planning  
301 W. Preston Street, Suite 1101  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act - SB 236

Dear Mr. Josephson:

Per the requirements of SB 236, please accept this letter as confirmation that Harford County has administratively adopted a countywide Tier Map consistent with the requirements established in the referenced Bill. This map was developed in coordination with the municipalities of Aberdeen, Bel Air, and Havre de Grace. Letters acknowledging their concurrence with the submittal of a countywide map and the Tier designations within each municipality have been forwarded to the FTP site provided by your staff.

On December 18, 2012, the Harford County Council also adopted Bill 12-50 which establishes the definition of a major subdivision for the purpose of compliance with the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012. Copies of the Bill, required documentation, and the digital data requested by your department have also been forwarded to the FTP site. Please see the Harford County SB 236 Mapping Methodology for detailed documentation of the criteria used to designate the various Tiers and an explanation of the mapping questions raised in your correspondence of December 3, 2012.

Since Harford County is a jurisdiction that requires percolation tests to be approved prior to the submittal of a preliminary plan, the Health Department cannot identify all potentially grandfathered properties that received perc approval prior to the passage of SB 236. We will, however, work with them to track plans that are submitted during the 18 month grandfathering window which began July 1, 2012, and we will continue to track applicable preliminary plans that are currently in Planning and Zoning's development review process.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Ms. Janet Gleisner at [jggleisner@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:jggleisner@harfordcountymd.gov).

Cordially,

David R. Craig  
Harford County Executive

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cc: The Honorable William K. Boniface, Harford County Council President  
The Honorable Members of the Harford County Council  
Aaron Tomarchio, Chief of Staff  
Pete Gutwald, Director of Planning and Zoning

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