



Maryland Department of Planning

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March 7, 2013

Gordon Graves, President
Commissioners of Oxford
PO Box 339
101 Market Street
Oxford MD 21654-0339

Dear Mr. Graves:

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

Thank you for providing the Department of Planning with a copy of the Town of Oxford Growth Tier Map (dated November 13, 2012) adopted by the Town of Oxford Commissioners by Resolution 1214 on November 13, 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 Town of Oxford.

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 Town of Oxford 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 Town's comprehensive plan or an element of the plan when the Town 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 sewer areas shall apply.

Talbot County adopted its growth tier map on December 11, 2012. Based on MDP's review, we did not find any conflicts between the County designations of the Oxford Municipal Growth Area and the Town's designations.

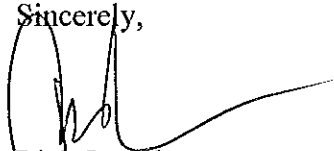
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Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Josephson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rich Josephson
Director of Planning Services

cc: Cheryl Lewis, Town Administrator, Town of Oxford
Sandy Coyman, Planning Officer, Talbot County Office of Planning and Zoning
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