



Maryland Department of Planning

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Ms. Pauleen Brewer
15662 Prince Frederick Road
Hughesville, MD 20637

Dear Ms. Brewer:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Martin O'Malley regarding the proposed Chaney Rezoning request in Hughesville. The Governor received your letter and asked that I, as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning, respond on his behalf. We are very aware of the concerns expressed by the Charles County community regarding this matter.

The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) reviewed the proposed rezoning request for approximately 150 acres located just outside of the Hughesville Rural Village Center. In addition to the Comprehensive Plan, MDP reviewed the County Water and Sewer Plan as well as the Counties Priority Funding Areas. After careful review it was determined that the proposed rezoning was not consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan nor is it consistent with the State's Smart Growth policies. The MDP provided a letter to the County Commissioners expressing their concerns regarding the proposed rezoning and its inconsistencies with the County Comprehensive Plan. A copy of that letter can be obtained from the Charles County Commissioners Office at (301) 645-0550.

As you may know, we do not control local zoning and cannot stop the County from approving the proposed rezoning. We have advised them of our concern and our willingness to work with them in support of the State's Smart Growth Policies.

Again, thank you for your letter and interest in this matter. If you have any questions please contact Mike Paone, Regional Planner for the Maryland Department of Planning at (410) 767-4554. You may also contact me at 410-767-4510, toll free at 877-767-6272, or via email at rhall@mdp.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. E. Hall', written over a white background.

Secretary