Septic Bill – Growth Tier Mapping

The Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 236, the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (i.e. the Septic Bill) during the 2012 legislative session. The goal of the legislation is as follows:
"To limit the disproportionate impacts of large subdivisions on septic systems on our farm and forest land, streams, rivers and Chesapeake and Coastal Bays. "

SB 236 establishes four tiers of land use categories to identify where major and minor residential subdivisions may be located and what type of sewerage system (individual septic or public sewer) will serve them. The mapping will reflect the recent revisions to community growth area boundaries, zoning, and water/sewer classifications adopted in September 2012. The draft Tier mapping has been prepared by staff with consultation by the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP). Since the Tier mapping will be applied within the municipalities the draft mapping has been coordinated with the respective municipal planners.

Growth Tier Mapping Staff Report

Growth Tier Map