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Ms. Gaines,

Re: Review of the Livable Frederick Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on Frederick County's draft Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone amendment to the Livable Frederick Comprehensive Plan. Howard County's Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) is the County agency responsible for the implementation of HoCo By Design, Howard County's comprehensive plan. Howard's Plan identifies policy goals for future planning efforts and implementation actions for Howard County.

The boundary of Frederick County and the municipality of Mount Airy border a very small part of Howard County. The western half of Howard County which borders Frederick County is dominated by agriculture, forest and low-density development.

As drafted, the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone amendment expands the Eastalco Community Growth Area, changes land use designations, changes water/sewer classifications, and changes the Priority Preservation Area and Rural Legacy Area maps. Given the location of the expanded Eastalco Community Growth Area – which does not border Howard County – the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning has no comment regarding this draft amendment to the Livable Frederick Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this draft comprehensive plan amendment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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*Lynda Eisenberg*

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Kim Gaines, Liveable Frederick Director  
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Dear Kim,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the *Liveable Frederick Master Plan* related to the Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone.

I reviewed the amendment with respect to the following components of the *2014 Carroll County Master Plan (as amended in 2019)*:

- Current and future land use;
- Planned major streets, transit stops and planned routes and bicycle/pedestrian facilities;
- Community facilities including, but not limited to, greenways and pedestrian facilities, schools, libraries, parks, water and sewer services, and/or public safety facilities;
- Agricultural land preservation; and,
- Historic sites and districts.

Given the distance of the proposed amendment area from Carroll County, my review did not identify any adverse impacts of the proposed amendment on Carroll County or the implementation of its Master Plan.

Thanks again and best wishes for a successful amendment process.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director, Planning & Land Management