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Ms. Lauren Pruss, Planning Director
City of Gaithersburg
31 Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2098

RE: Comments on Process and Overview Element of the 2009 Gaithersburg Master Plan

Dear Ms. Pruss:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Process and Overview Element of the 2009 Gaithersburg Master Plan. The staff review of this initial portion of the Master Plan finds no inconsistencies with the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCPC) federal elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. Staff's review finds the Master Plan's policies and goals commendable and forward-thinking towards the future needs of the City of Gaithersburg.

We commend your proactive efforts in ensuring that the federal government is engaged in your planning endeavors and encourage you to continue doing so. NCPC staff looks forward to future coordination with the City of Gaithersburg Planning Department as you progress towards a completed draft of the Master Plan. Please contact Eugene Keller of my staff at (202)482-7251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Sherman".

Michael A. Sherman, Associate AIA
Director, Policy and Research Division