

AMENDMENT TO 2009 ANNUAL GROWTH REPORT

Background:

In accordance with the Harford County Adequate Public Facilities provisions (Section 267-126) of the Harford County Code, testing for adequate school capacities shall occur on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Therefore, amendments to the 2009 Annual Growth Report are required and include updated enrollment figures and projections based on September 30, 2010 enrollment figures. Based on the adequacy standards outlined below, the Annual Growth Report is amended to reflect current enrollments and projections as of September 30, 2010.

Adequacy Standards:

The adopted adequacy standards for the Public School system are 110 percent of the rated capacity within 3 years for both elementary and secondary schools. Included with this amendment to the 2009 Annual Growth Report are Tables 6, 7, and 8, the utilization charts for the elementary, middle, and high schools. These tables identify current enrollment figures as of September 30, 2010, and include projections through the 2013/2014 school year. Preliminary plans for new major subdivisions (subdivisions of greater than five lots) cannot be approved in elementary or secondary school districts where full-time enrollment currently exceeds or is projected to exceed 110 percent of the capacity within three years.

Elementary Schools:

Thirty of thirty-two elementary schools in Harford County currently meet adequacy standards. The schools listed below in Table 1 do not meet the adequacy standards established. Major subdivision plans (subdivisions of greater than five lots) within these attendance areas will not be approved, but will continue to be reviewed and placed on a waiting list beginning January 1, 2011 until capacity is available. Please note that the actual 2010/2011 enrollment figures reflect half-day pre-kindergarten classes.

Table 1

School	Year	Actual / Projected Students	Utilization Rate
Emmorton	2010/2011	732	133%
Prospect Mill	2010/2011	887	130%

The Red Pump Elementary School is currently under construction with a planned opening date of August 2011.

Based on recent changes to the Adequate Public Facilities ordinance as per Bill No. 09-33 As Amended, a proposed major subdivision plan may be approved if the following conditions exist:

- The capital budget contains a capital project sufficient to reduce enrollment at the school that serves the site to 110% or less of the State rated capacity.
- Actual construction of the capital project has begun.
- The capital project is scheduled to be completed and operational within 2 years.

In addition to the above conditions, information must be provided by the Harford County Board of Education demonstrating that the enrollment of the school serving the site will be 110% or less of the State rated capacity. In the event that the Board of Education fails to provide this information, the Department of Planning shall review the adjacent school attendance areas, as provided in the most recent Annual Growth Report, to determine whether the capital project would provide adequate capacity to allow the Board of Education to reduce enrollment at the school serving the site to 110% or less of the State rated capacity.

Red Pump Elementary School is currently under construction with a planned opening date of August 2011. An analysis of the three adjacent attendance areas that exceed 110% utilization; Forest Lakes, Hickory, and Youth’s Benefit Elementary Schools yields a combined projected enrollment of 2,508 for 2012. The combined capacity of these three schools and Red Pump Elementary will be 2,855, for a combined utilization rate of 88%.

Based on an analysis of the total available capacity as compared to the projected total enrollment, it is anticipated that the utilization rate of Red Pump Elementary and the three adjacent schools: Forest Lakes, Hickory, and Youth’s Benefit will fall under the 110% utilization as required by the Adequate Public Facilities ordinance.

Capacity Analysis for Schools Adjacent to Red Pump Elementary:			
Elementary School	Projected Students	State rated Capacity	Utilization
Forest Lakes	674	546	123%
Hickory	778	655	119%
Youth’s Benefit	1,056	958	110%
Red Pump	Not available	696	Not available
Total	2,508	2,855	88%

Secondary Schools:

Currently all seventeen middle and high schools in Harford County meet adequacy standards.