

(2) an analysis of the land area needed to satisfy demand for development at densities consistent with the master plan.

(h) For the purposes of this section, average density shall be calculated based on the total acreage of all parcels in the area for which the principal permitted use is residential, excluding land:

(1) (i) dedicated for public use by easement in perpetuity or fee acquisition; or

(ii) dedicated recreational use;

(2) subject to an agricultural easement under § 2-508 of the Agriculture Article;

(3) subject to an agricultural easement under a county agricultural land preservation program certified under § 5-408 of this title;

(4) used for cemetery purposes;

(5) identified by a local government as:

(i) 1. streams and their buffers;

2. 100-year flood plains;

3. habitats of threatened and endangered species; and

4. steep slopes; and

(ii) on which development is prohibited by local law or ordinance; or

(6) identified by a local government as delineated nontidal wetlands on which development is prohibited by State or local law or ordinance.

5-7B-08.

(a) To be eligible for funding for growth-related projects, a local government OR TWO OR MORE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS shall certify to the Department of Planning any area designated by the local government OR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS as a priority funding area under § 5-7B-03 of this subtitle, which shall be consistent with the local comprehensive plan and the criteria set forth in § 5-7B-03 of this subtitle.

(b) Prior to certification of a priority funding area or areas, the local government OR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS may submit the proposed priority funding areas and any relevant information to the Department of Planning for:

(1) technical assistance, review, and comment; and

(2) the opportunity for public review.

(c) Upon certification of a priority funding area, the local government OR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS shall provide to the Department of Planning all information