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Deputy Secretary of State Planning Named

Wendi W. Peters has 25 years' experience in municipal government affairs

BALTIMORE, MD – State Planning Secretary David R. Craig, today announced Wendi W. Peters to serve as deputy secretary for the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP). Ms. Peters, a former councilwoman for the town of Mt. Airy, will help lead the 150-member state planning department. In this position, she will be responsible for the agency's administration and monitor the day-to-day activities of the staff of planners, demographers, mapping technicians and historic preservation specialists.

"I look forward to serving Maryland's local governments with Ms. Peters," said Craig. "Her experience in and service to municipal government is in line with the mission of MDP – to advise, assist and provide technical planning support to local governments."

Peters will take the reins in mid-March.

Peters is well-versed in the workings of local government, with experience in several roles in municipal government. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Peters worked nearly 30 years for Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver in their Baltimore office managing all phases of case administration in their litigation practice group. She also served from 2004 to 2012 on the town of Mt. Airy's Town Council. Her roles on the council included Economic Development Liaison, Zoning Administrator and Water and Sewer Liaison. In addition to serving as vice chair on the Mt. Airy Planning and Zoning Commission where she participated in drafting its adequate public facilities ordinance, Peters has held membership on Mt. Airy's Main Street Association and Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Peters is a graduate of Loyola College and affiliated with the Maryland State Bar Association, the Maryland Association of Paralegals and the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. She was twice selected by The Daily Record (2010 and 2012) as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women. Ms. Peters resides in Mt. Airy with her husband, Gary, and their son, Zach.

MDP provides planning and implementation support to sister agencies, local governments, communities, businesses and various organizations. As the state's lead information disseminator on planning, the agency administers smart growth programs as well as the Maryland Historical Trust, which focuses on cultural and historic preservation.

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