

## Athletic Fields at ECC

Project Update  
January 24, 2023



## OVERVIEW

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- **Tree Removal and Transplant Work**
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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

- **December 2020:** Maret/ECC issue joint statement on listservs about potential partnership for athletic fields at the ECC
- **May 2021:** Maret initiates engagement with ANC
- **June 2021:** Maret/ECC partnership announced on Chevy Chase listserv
- **September 2021:** Maret makes initial presentation at ANC meeting
- **Fall 2021/Winter 2022:** In-person and online community meetings
- **March 2022:** BZA public hearing with eight hours of testimony
- **April 2022:** BZA unanimous vote to approve the project
- **Fall 2022:** Continued appearances at ANC meetings and announcements related to planned tree work

## **TREE PRESERVATION, REMOVAL AND TRANSPLANT WORK**

- Initial tree assessment performed in the Fall of 2020
- Plans developed to protect circle of Apostle Trees and other heritage trees
- Care and preparation of heritage trees for transplant begin in Winter 2022 and continued through Summer 2022
- Initial tree removal permit issued by DDOT Urban Forestry in Spring 2022
- Notification of intent to proceed with tree removal provided in September 2022 via hand delivered letters on September 26
- Tree removal to take place in February 2023 and tree transplant in March 2023



## How many trees will be removed and what condition are they in?

- 66 trees will be removed
  - 29 are considered to be dead, in critical or poor condition, or are invasive species
  - 31 are considered to be in fair condition
  - The 60 trees in fair condition or worse represent 40% of the total number of trees on site
  - **Only 6 of the trees being removed (5% total) are considered to be in good condition**











### WHY NOW???

- To begin construction as soon as possible after written order
- Benefits of lease between Maret and the ECC
- Best use for Jelleff with additional field space online
- Tree removal needs to precede tree transplant
- Tree transplant can only occur prior to spring “leaf out”





## SUMMARY

- **Community engagement has been extensive**
- **Tree removal and transplant is legal and proper**
  - DDOT Urban Forestry has approved our permits for tree removal and transplant
  - Tree removal and transplant permits are separate from the written BZA order
- **Timing of action is critical**
  - Delay materially harms the ECC, Maret and children in the District

## RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Updated Project Webpage:
  - <https://www.maret.org/athletics/proposed-new-fields-at-ecc/construction>
- ANC3/4G Maret Project Webpage
  - [https://anc3g.org/task\\_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/](https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/)
- ANC3/4G Maret Task Force Webpage
  - [https://anc3g.org/task\\_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/maret-school-ecc-sports-field-project-task-force/](https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/maret-school-ecc-sports-field-project-task-force/)

## **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**