Athletic Fields at ECC

Project Update

January 24, 2023



OVERVIEW

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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

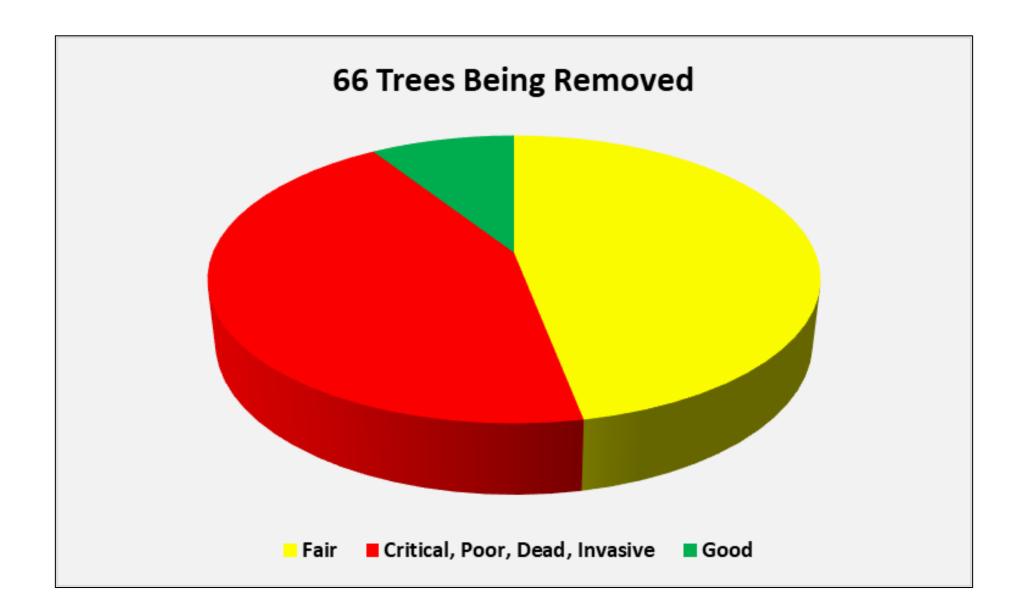
TREE PRESERVATION, REMOVAL AND TRANSPLANT WORK

- 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-atecc/construction
- ANC3/4G Maret Project Webpage
 - https://anc3g.org/task_forces/maret-school-ecc-sports-field/
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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION