

Subj: Board of Zoning Adjustment Case #20643: Maret School
Cc: ANC 3/4G

Dear Chairman Hill,

I am a resident of Chevy Chase, DC (1-2 blocks from the proposed Maret field). In early fall, 2021, I attended an ANC meeting to learn about the proposed Maret Field at the ECC with a particular interest in the impact of the existing trees on the property. On that call, Maret proudly shared they would move and save five trees. However, I later learned that Maret conveniently failed to mention the 40+ trees they would completely remove and destroy to make way for the field. That is when I became suspicious and aware of Maret's lack of transparency in this process and questioned their partnership with the neighborhood.

I had hoped Maret would be an authentic partner and would understand the sensitivity around our currently quiet neighborhood which would be faced with increased traffic, pollution, potential loss of parking in front of our homes, loss of a lovely open, natural (not turf) field and the removal of a significant number of trees, resulting from this field, but they do not appear to. It is offensive to continue to hear from Maret, on calls, at Maret organized neighborhood get-togethers and in Maret's recent USPS mailing to each of our homes, about how wonderful this proposed field is for this community and their interest and willingness to work together. Maret's lack of transparency, including but not limited to the removal of 40+ trees, has been disappointing and concerning. They do not appear to be adequately concerned for the impact on nearby homes, especially for those neighbors whose property borders the proposed Maret field. I ask that you carefully consider and scrutinize what Maret is proposing with respect to the environment, impact on bordering neighbors, traffic, pollution and parking issues for our neighborhood. I have lost trust in this process and in Maret.

Best,
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