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Dear Neighbors,

Tree work on the site of the Episcopal Center for Children (ECC) will continue in March and April with the relocation of four heritage trees. Maret has contracted with Environmental Design, Inc. (EDI), an industry leader with 40 years of experience in transplanting large trees. EDI's website includes several videos that explain their approach and show how they move trees.

This phase of work will take 6–8 weeks to complete and will begin with the mobilization of equipment and crews March 1–6. During the mobilization period, EDI will be bringing heavy equipment onto the site on 18-wheel trucks. The large trucks will enter the site from Nebraska at the curb cut behind ECC. Once on site, the equipment will run on mulch pathways to minimize impact.

The crews will also need access to the site via the Utah and Rittenhouse alleys, as agreed to in our Memorandum of Understanding with the ANC. The alleys will be used for equipment deliveries. Access will occur via the gate by the Media Center on the ECC property and via the northeast corner of the site near 28th Street NW where a portion of the fence will be removed temporarily. Neighbors living on the alleys should

expect the majority of this equipment delivery to occur between March 1 and March 8. The contractor team has been notified that they should not stage equipment or leave vehicles in the alleys. We have also told them to be particularly cognizant of the presence of children. If we get new information or a change to these plans, we will update neighbors who are adjacent to the property and keep the ANC Task Force in the loop.

We have obtained the required sediment and erosion control permit and have silt fencing in place to manage stormwater. EDI will be providing additional straw wattles and bales to supplement the silt and super-silt fencing. We will continue to work with the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) and DDOT Urban Forestry Division (UFD) as needed. Additionally, an aborist from Wetland Studies & Solutions will be on site to monitor the transplant work.

Once equipment is delivered and the site is prepared, EDI will continue with its work, encapsulating the root balls of the trees, inserting pipes, preparing holes, and eventually moving the trees—two at a time. The work will conclude with grading, installation of irrigation, and demobilization of equipment in mid to late April. As this exciting work progresses, we will be in touch to share additional information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or concerns about tree relocation activity on the site, please contact our Project Manager, Johnny Seikaly, and the Task Force using this <u>complaint form</u>.

If you have general questions about the athletic fields project, please contact us at <u>ecc-maretfields@maret.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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