

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

TOPIC: SIX TENNIS COURTS ADDITION PROJECT AT T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL

WHY: DESIGN INFORMATION SESSION WITH THE COMMUNITY

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013
6:30 – 8 p.m.

WHERE: T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM: 3330 KING STREET

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) will conduct a public meeting to provide information and receive input from the community on the design of the six tennis courts at T.C. Williams High School.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Design team introductions.
2. Project overview and update.
3. ACPS' point of contact.
4. City of Alexandria regulatory process and permit approval schedule.
5. Discussion.

If you cannot attend this meeting, but have questions regarding the project, please contact:

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Meeting Minutes

To:	Monika Szczepaniec	Organization:	ACPS
From:	Kevin Van Hise	Organization:	Kimley-Horn and Associates
Meeting Date:	June 27, 2013	Time:	6:35 PM – 7:25 PM
Meeting Location:	TC Williams Auditorium		
Subject:	TC Williams Tennis Courts Community Meeting		
KHA Project No.:	110266004		

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Introduction:

- Monika began with an overview and a history of the TC Williams tennis courts project, and what has happened up until that point
- Kevin presented on the design of the complex, site lighting, and the timeline for the project
 - Currently the timeline is as follows: resubmit for completeness review in mid-July, School Board presentation in November, Planning Commission/City Council in December 2013, and starting construction in early spring of 2014.

Comments on TC Williams Presentation:

- Question regarding how long the lights had been a part of the design, stating that when they initially met with the city, the site was chosen assuming that there would be no lights. The team explained that the site B location was much closer to the residential area and therefore lights would be more of an issue on the location.
- A member of Oakland Baptist asked about if there would be restricted usage on Sundays. ACPS responded that they will work this into the Usage Agreement with RPCA.
- There was a comment stating that there had been a radical change in design since the first time it was proposed with no lighting. The team responded that the site is already lit up by not only the street lights, the garage lights but also the neighboring gas station and that the proposed lights will be directed at the courts and the footcandle measure at the property line will have to be zero per the regulations.
- Question regarding what approvals would be needed in order
 - Answer: DSUP already in place, would need to amend the existing conditions
- Question regarding why they would light the tennis courts and not the football field
 - Answer: There's already a great amount of lighting present on King (street lights, Shell station), that adding the tennis courts lighting would be a minimal impact as compared to lighting the football field. It was also noted that the lights would be at zero footcandles by the property line, and the lights would not be constantly on. Also, ACPS stressed that the project is about constructing new tennis courts not installing lights at the football field.
 - A parent of a TCW tennis player commented that lighting would be efficient and go down, not out, and that there wouldn't be that many lights
- The Parks & Recreation Commission Chairwoman commented on the limited amount of open space available in Alexandria as compared to the population, and the need to cross uses between schools and RPCA
- Question regarding how much use the courts would get on a yearly basis
 - Answer: They would get a lot of use: during the spring for TCW tennis practice, nights and weekends for adult use and lessons, and for summer camps





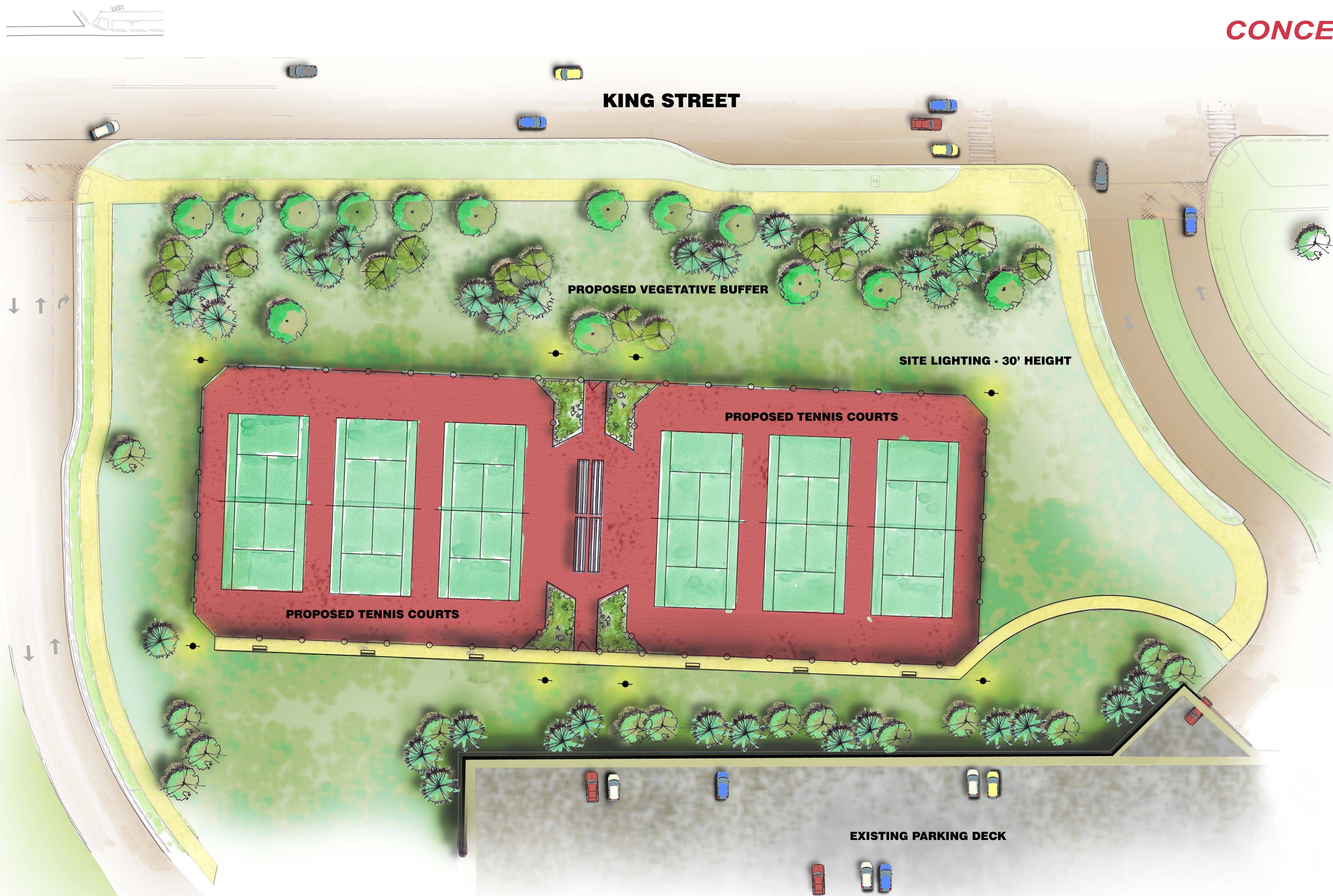
- Question regarding why they were proposing taking away a practice athletic field when they could put 8 courts in Chinquapin Park that could be used for full competition
 - Answer: The draft plan for Chinquapin Park does not include tennis courts to make space for the aquatic center and other recreational activities
- Comment from parent whose son plays tennis, and has coached girls' tennis that eight courts would be nice, but not necessary as six courts are ideal. Commented that she hopes that installing these courts would be transforming for the tennis in schools in Alexandria
- Comment that the noise that the ball would make hitting the playing surface would be a greater obtrusion than the lights, and asking whether there was a quieter surface.
 - Answer: There's not a quieter surface available, but the berm surrounding the courts would function as a natural noise barrier
- Question regarding the underground stormwater detention and whether the entire courts would need to be torn up if there was a maintenance problem with them
 - Answer: The stormwater system is not pressurized therefore there will be no maintenance required. Putting in the stormwater system would provide a more substantial base for the tennis courts and limit maintenance issues with the playing surface
- Question regarding how the user-activated lights would be utilized, and would they turn on for all the courts if only one court was in use. There was a follow-up question as to whether the lights closest to the school could come on first.
 - Answer: The lights wouldn't light one individual court, but would light up one half of the court at a time. The lights will be able to be controlled at the light pole and only allow for an hour of usage. After an hour, players would have to push the button again. After an agreed upon time, the lights would be switched off without the ability to activate them at the light pole.
- Question regarding whether practice walls would be incorporated into the design, stating that those get just as much use as the courts for when the teams practice.
 - Answer: Design team discussed the possibility of having a movable practice wall be attached to the fence.
- Comments regarding clarification on if there would be phasing for the project and asking for it to be made clear while the design project was going on whether or not everything would be installed at the beginning
 - Answer: At this point, there is no phasing of the project anticipated.
- The member of the Oakland Baptist Church asked if there would be bathroom facilities available so people didn't come to use the church bathrooms.
 - Answer: School's facilities will be used.

Closing:

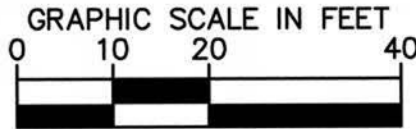
- Monika concluded the meeting around 7:25 pm

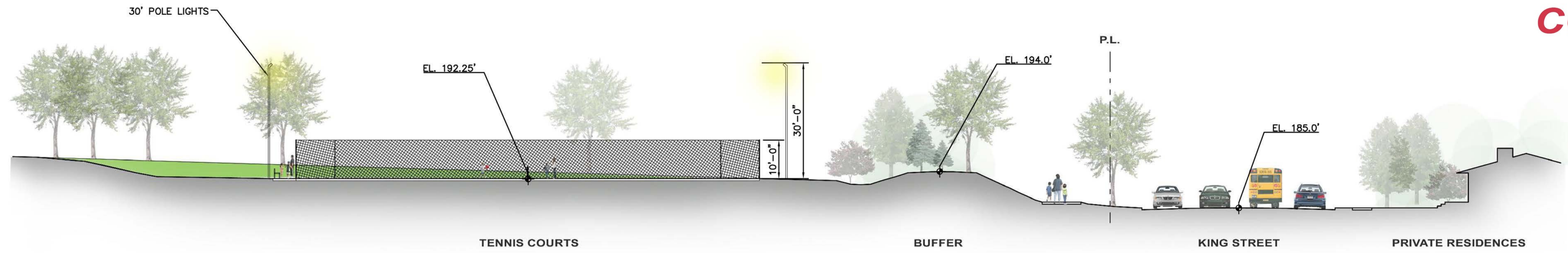


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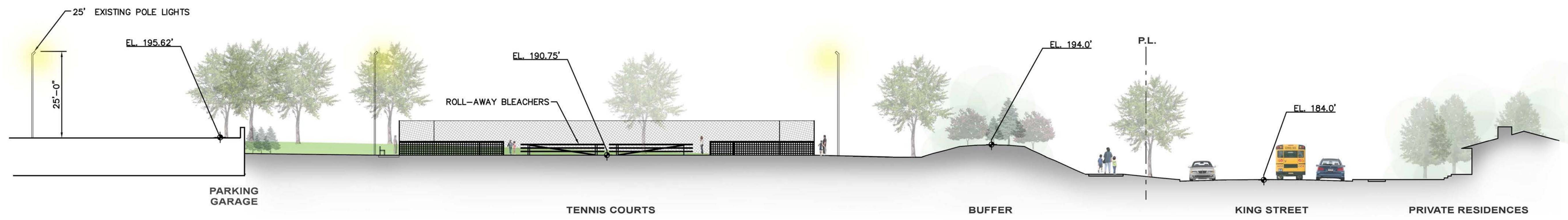


**T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL
PROPOSED TENNIS COURTS - 30' LIGHT POLES**

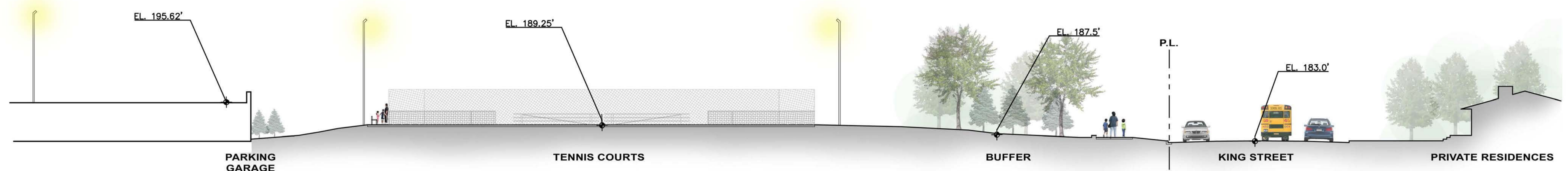




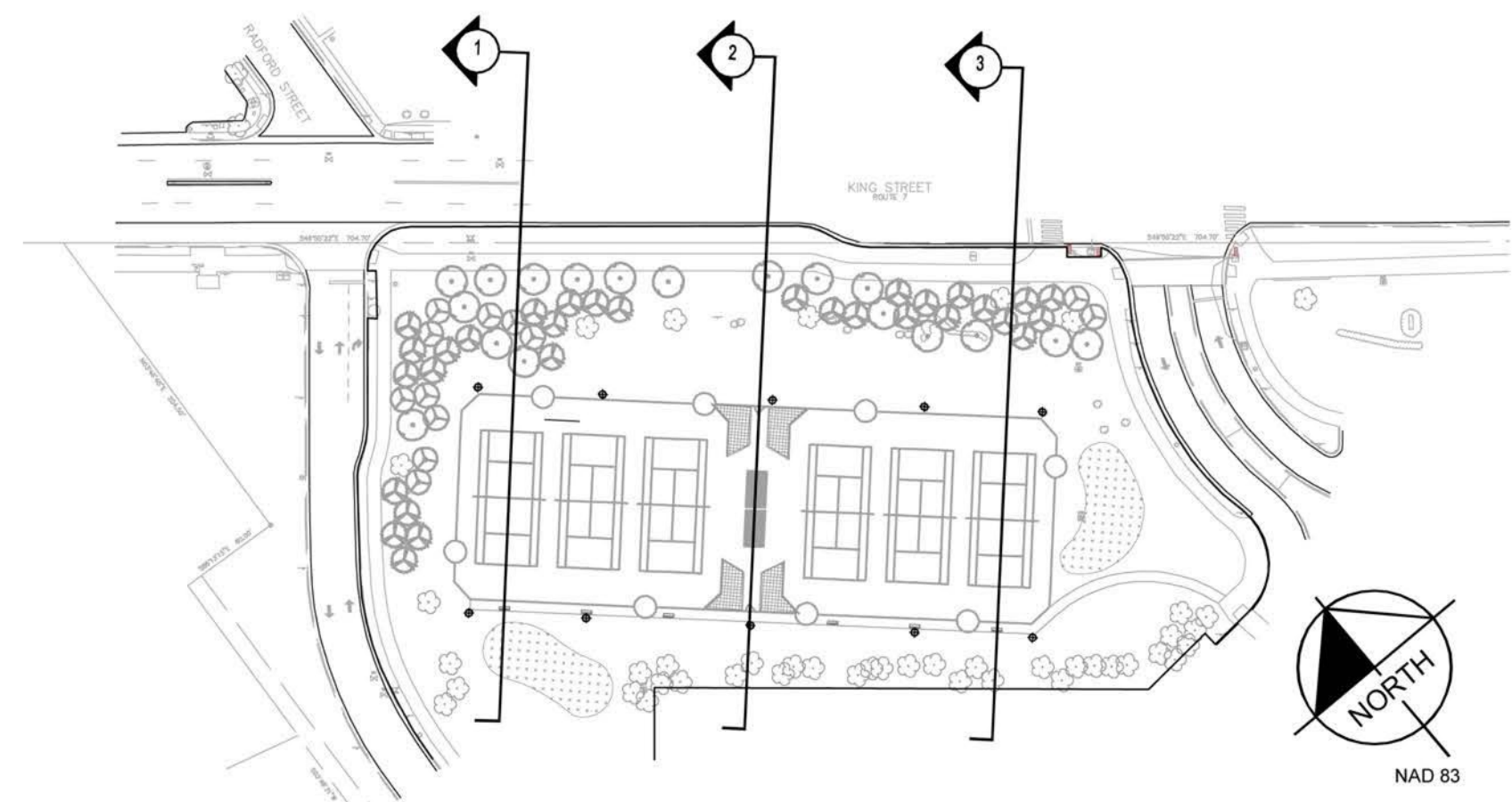
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