

February 6, 2018

Re: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
Nielsen Tennis Court Resurfacing and Expansion
University of Wisconsin – Madison
UWSA Project #A-16-020 and MSN Project #MSN-0038-1601

Potentially Interested Party,

The University of Wisconsin –Madison (UW-Madison) Facilities Planning and Management has retained Ayres Associates on behalf of the University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed expansion of the existing six outdoor tennis courts to eight courts at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium, along with various enhancements to the outdoor practice and competition space. The EIA will be prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, and UWSA guidelines (Board of Regents' Resolution 2508, November 6, 1981). An initial requirement of the EIA is the scoping process. The intent of the scoping process is to identify at an early stage potential beneficial or adverse impacts of the project on the physical, biological, social, and economic environments. Because you or your agency or group may have an interest in the project, we are inviting you to participate in the scoping process.

Project Background

This project, located on the western side of the UW-Madison campus at 1000 Highland Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, will expand the existing outdoor tennis courts on the north side of the existing Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

The Nielsen Tennis Stadium was built in 1968, and features 18 tennis courts (12 indoor and 6 outdoor), 5 singles squash courts, and 1 squash doubles court. The facility is home to the men and women's tennis teams and has also served as the site for the Wisconsin Boys and Girls High School Championship, the USTA League State Championship, the Badger State Games, the men's collegiate Rolex Midwest Qualifier, as well as numerous NCAA Division III regional and conference championships. More than 6,000 students, faculty and community players use the facilities at Nielsen on a weekly basis.

The stadium also features shower and locker areas, as well as upper-level seating for more than 1,500 spectators. The existing six outdoor courts provide less than adequate space for scheduling university's team practice time around student class schedules. Coaches and student athletes often struggle to secure court time for individual instruction given the demands on the courts by students, faculty, staff, as well as other outside community patrons.

This is a 100% gift-funded project and, as such, will be delivered with design and construction contracts held by the University of Wisconsin System and managed by UW-Madison Facilities Planning & Management staff. Construction will begin after approval by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, at or before 25% design completion. The current preliminary estimated project cost is \$2 million and will be funded using 100% Gifts.

Proposed Project Action

The project includes the expansion of the existing six outdoor tennis courts to eight courts, along with various enhancements to the outdoor practice and competition space. An initial design study was completed in October 2017 (UWSA #0038-1601) to confirm the project scope and budget. The design intent of this project is to follow the recommendations of the initial study report for the project.

The overall enhancements include the following:

- a. Expand the existing six courts to eight courts. Provide all new asphalt surface and tennis court surfacing system, perimeter fencing, and net posts.
- b. New access route for spectators from the Lot 76 parking structure via the Goodman Softball Complex entry to the north.
- c. New tennis court lighting.
- d. New electronic scoreboards (six individual court scoreboards and one multi-court scoreboard installed on the north side of the courts).
- e. New elevated spectator seating (bleachers).
- f. Re-locate the existing water main around the new outdoor tennis courts.
- g. New sound system.
- h. New wayfinding signage for life safety and exiting purposes only driven by code requirements. Installation of owner furnished signage is also included.

New permanent restroom facilities will not be included in the project. Existing restrooms in the Goodman Softball Complex and Nielsen Tennis Stadium will be used for events in the outdoor tennis complex, and/or temporary portable facilities in the case of concurrent softball and tennis events.

Below is a summary of the targeted project schedule.

A/E Selection	November 2017
Begin Design	November 2017
Preliminary Review Documents	January 2018
Permit Application Submitted	February 2018
Board of Regent Approval	April 2018
Permits Issued by Regulators	April 2018
Final Review Documents	March 2018
Project Bid	May 2018
Begin Construction	June 2018
Substantial Completion:	August 2018

A project location map and aerial photo of the project site are provided as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively.

EIA Schedule

The EIA report will evaluate the potential positive and adverse environmental impacts of the project in accordance with the WEPA and UWSA guidelines. Issues identified during the scoping process will be addressed in the Draft EIA report. As part of our standard EIA process, Ayres Associates will perform

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research using available databases and resources to collect information pertaining to environmental, social, economic, cultural, or historic aspects of the project. The Draft EIA report will be made available to the public for a 15-day comment period anticipated to start on February 28, 2018. A notice will be published in state and local media to announce the availability of the Draft EIA. Following completion of the public comment period, a public information meeting will be conducted and any comments received will be evaluated.

Appropriate revisions will be incorporated into a Final EIA document based on comments received during the 15-day comment period and public information meeting.

If you are interested in this project, we welcome any comments, suggestions, or other input you feel are important. Please submit your comments related to this project in writing by **February 13, 2018**, for consideration in the Draft EIA report. Send your comments to:

Ben Peotter, PE
Ayres Associates
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If no comments are received from you or your group, we will assume that there are no project issues that negatively impact you, or that you would like to comment on.

Ayres Associates Inc



Ben Peotter, PE
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Enclosures

RESPONSE FORM

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Process
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Madison, Wisconsin

I have the following comments regarding this project and items to be considered as part of the scoping process:

[Please write comment here. Attach additional pages if necessary.]

Please complete the following information and sign if submitting comments:

Name: _____

Title/Representing: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

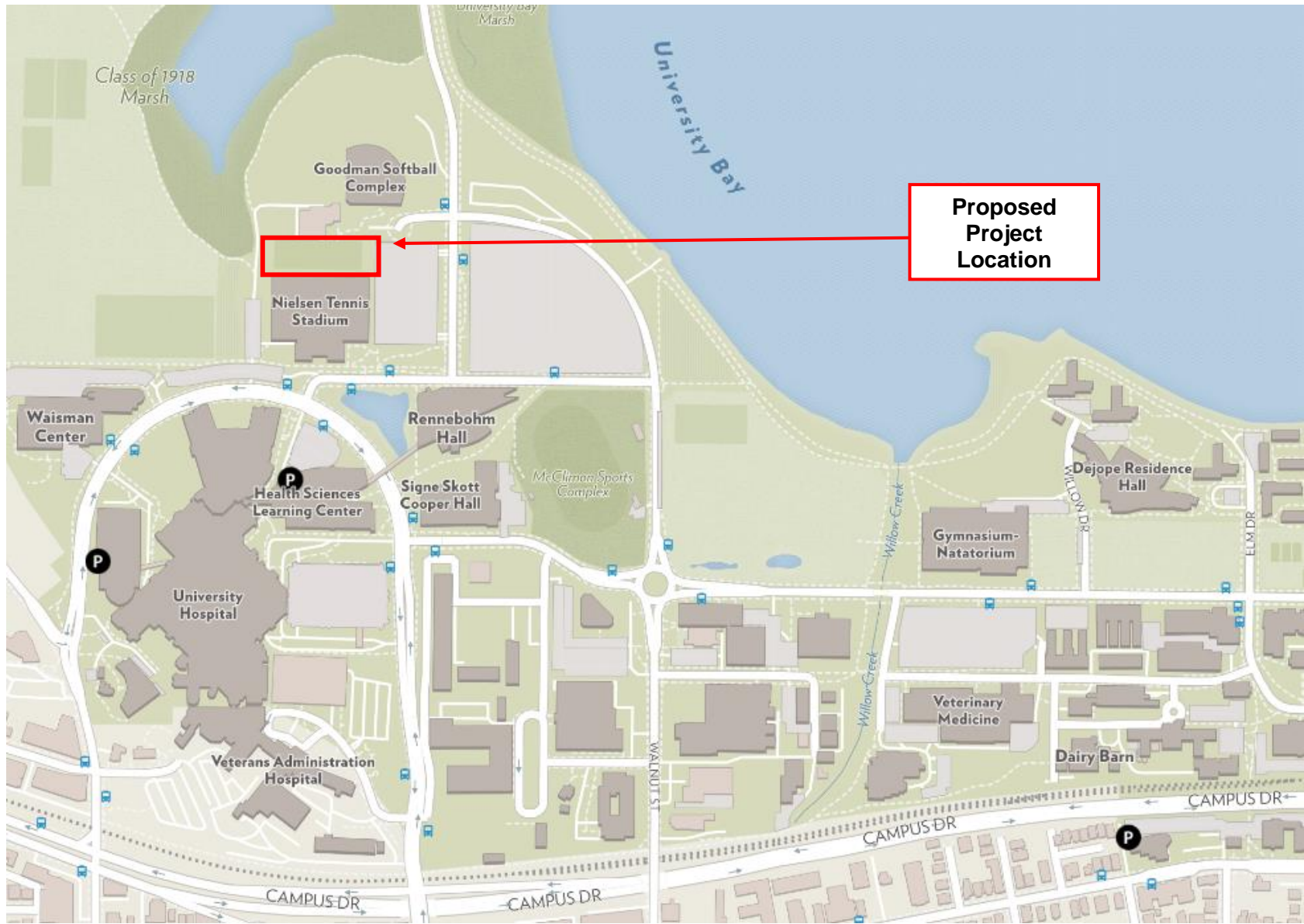
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Signature: _____

- I am interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation components of this project. Please continue to send me project notices.
- I am NOT interested in continuing my involvement in the public participation of this project. Please do NOT continue to send me project notices.

Please return this form by February 13, 2018, to:

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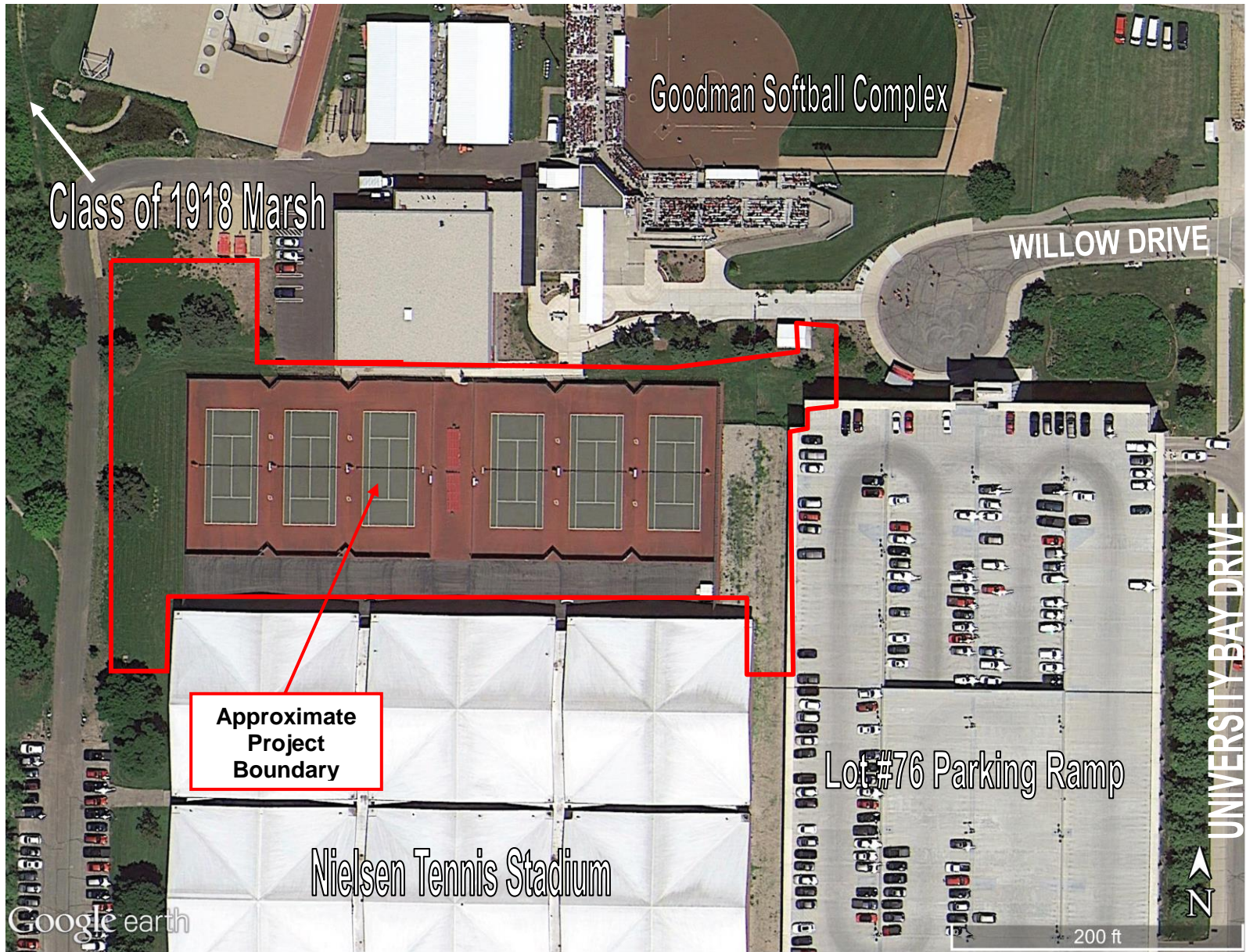


Base Map Source: University of Wisconsin, Campus Map - <http://map.wisc.edu/>

Attachment 1
Campus Map

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Base Map Source: Google Earth Pro, 2014 aerial photograph

Attachment 2
Aerial Map of the Project Site

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