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1	12/27/16	The lack of public indoor tennis facilities is a major issue for our family as we have to commute all winter to the Bowie SportFit in order for my husband and teenage daughter to get any play time. Getting a facility in the community would be a major benefit to not only our family but many others as they attempt to keep their families active and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
2	12/28/16	We are avid tennis players and are looking forward to the proposed tennis center being considered. There are too few indoor facilities available for the public.
3	12/29/16	I don't feel adding traffic or confusion at a site across from an elementary school is necessary. We just recently had parking and entry/exit improvements completed because of several traffic and parking issues. Now that it is safer, I think an alternate site would be preferred by many. How about the planned village over off 178 and Herald Harbor Rd? The added traffic could be engineered into the plan there and there appears to be more space available there. Plus you would need zoning exemption in that residential/farm area across from Millersville ES.
4	12/30/16	Hope to attend January meeting but in case I can't, I strongly support the new tennis facility in Millersville. We are reduced to two indoor courts in AA County (the Y) unless you have a military connection to play at the Navy Brigade. We are compelled to play outdoors even when the weather is inappropriate. I'm in my mid-70's and continue to play USTA and other groups--truly a sport for life. There are good junior programs in the schools and organizations and the new facility will advocate and support them. Thanks to the County for its support and contribution to funding.
5	12/30/16	If public funds are to be used for the proposed Millersville Tennis Center, I respectfully ask that your Department consider including pickleball lines on the proposed playing surfaces, either as stand-alone pickleball courts, or courts that can be shared with Tennis participants. To my knowledge there is only one County-funded indoor pickleball facility at the South County Senior Center, and that one facility is only available for play four hours per week. In addition, I believe there are only two County-funded outdoor tennis courts with pickleball lines (Rolling Hills and Galesville). As you may know, pickleball is clearly the fastest growing racket sport across the senior (aging) population group. I recently learned that if properly planned, four pickleball courts can be laid out in the space required for one regulation-sized Tennis court. This can be done through the use of differently colored and blended court lines. Blended lines are often used to support smaller sized junior tennis programs and allowed under USTA guidelines. Logically, blended lines could easily be adopted for pickleball. Most public gyms have lines of various colors to accommodate various sporting venues. So please consider including pickleball lines in the overall plans for the Millersville Tennis facility. In summary I ask that pickleball accommodations be included in the evolving plans for the Millersville Tennis and Racket Sport Center.
6	12/31/16	I would think a multipurpose field area would be more beneficial to the county. Right now there are no good soccer fields for the soccer clubs. Tennis courts are great but they do not benefit all the kids in the county.
7	12/31/16	I would not want this facility built in my area. There are tennis courts on Sunrise Beach Rd @ Waterbury Park that go largely unused. There is a private club API (once named Severn Valley Tennis Club) located on Rt 3 South in Gambrills that houses several indoor and outdoor courts. A drive by this location often shows minimally used parking lots. These private & public facilities are within 5 min of the proposed location. County Rec Dept funds could be better spent on facilities/activities that a larger numbers of the AA Co population would actually use. The B&A trail is widely used by the community and beyond as it is part of the ECG. I would rather see my tax \$ support an effort like this for the reasons already stated not to mention the huge, PERMANENT environmental impact an indoor/outdoor tennis facility would have on the area & the headwaters of the Severn River.

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8	12/31/16	My husband and I own 2 properties in Annapolis-1 in which we live and 1 that we rent- and pay both city and county taxes. We are also avid tennis players. We can go to both Frederick (MD) and Prince George counties and play on beautiful public courts. We have a difficult, if not impossible, time in finding local public courts to play on. The courts that are available (Truxton is the closest) are crowded. Some are not well maintained nor lit. The local high schools are not always available and, again, are not always lit or well-maintained. A tennis center is much-needed in our community.
9	12/31/16	Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the US, played by the young, old and everyone in between. The Annapolis Pickleball Club has more than 150 members and continues to grow. Additionally, there are clubs in Severna Park, Benfield, etc. Please consider the inclusion of pickleball courts at the proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center.
10	12/31/16	It would be great to have several designated pickleball courts at the new facility. This sport s growing and serves many in the county
11	12/31/16	Pickleball courts (both indoor/outdoor) are desperately needed in our area to handle the demand for the fastest growing sport in the U.S. Naples, FL started with 8 courts and now has 48, hosting the U.S. Open with players coming from countries around the world. You build them and the players will fill them.
12	12/31/16	Please consider adding Pickleball courts as well. It has become such a popular sport. We would love having an new indoor/outdoor place to play.
13	12/31/16	As the center is under development, please give the most serious consideration to planning for inclusion of indoor and outdoor pickleball courts for use by county citizens. Pickleball can be played by all ages and is a far more space-efficient game than tennis. Its popularity is rightfully booming.
14	12/31/16	Please consider indoor/ outdoor pickleball courts.... Growing and healthy sport for those who do not or cannot play tennis any longer. We need more courts in anne Arundel county
15	12/31/16	My wife and I are in our mid 70s and actively played tennis since our teens. We have reached an age where tennis is too taxing on our bodies. Pickleball has provided us an alternative which permits us to exercise. The marvelous thing about Pickleball is how much it is an age indifferent sport. All ages can play and enjoy the sport. Space wise 3 Pickleball courts may be situated in the space of one tennis court. I strongly recommend that Pickleball be incorporated in any comprehensive plan to provide facilities for our residents.
16	12/31/16	Pickleball is growing rapidly and courts built specifically for pickleball should be included in any new county reratiomal facility. As a senior, my friends and I prefer over tennis ten to one.
17	01/01/17	When public courts are installed, they should be marked for pickleball as well. It is a growing sport!!! That way the courts will get maximum use by the residents.
18	01/01/17	You should consider creating some pickleball courts at this site for the following reasons: 1. Core tennis is not growing in participation http://www.tennisindustry.org/cms/index.cfm/news/tennis-participation-in-the-us-grows-to-179-million-players/ 2. Pickleball is the fastest growing sports in America with expected 8 million players by 2018 https://blog.sportsbuilders.org/2016/03/28/pickleball-by-the-numbers-growing-across-the-u-s/ in the county 3. There are way too few Pickleball courts in the county for the number of players 4. You can put 2 pickleball courts in one tennis court 5. It is the future and also a great seque into tennis for youngsters
19	01/01/17	I would like to see pickleball courts included in the new AA county tennis facility. Both indoor and outdoor courts would be great to have. I am a fairly new pickleball player and will be playing it Orr and Ore. There is definitely a swell of interest in pickleball in the area.
20	01/01/17	Please add some pickle ball courts. More people can play pickle ball than tennis. Pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in the nation. watch/nightly-news/pickleball-the-fastest-growing-sport-in-america-199360067605
21	01/02/17	Please add lines and nets for pickleball to the plans for the tennis facility. There are significantly increasing number of pickleball players using Saefern and other tennis courts, especially seniors using them in the daytime hours.

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22	01/05/17	Great idea for a tennis facility But it would be great if it also included pickle ball courts. The interest in pickleball is
23	01/05/17	Very supportive of a tennis facility in our County. We are the tennis black hole of Maryland.
24	01/06/17	I think it would be wonderful to have a public tennis facility! Especially one with indoor courts. My family loves to play tennis and other than the public courts at Cypress Creek which are not in great shape, you have to belong to a Club to play. Tennis is a great and inexpensive way for kids and adults to exercise through out most of their lives. I would love to see them and use them!
25	01/06/17	I think indoor courts should be maximized for those players that want year-round recreation. Public courts during good weather are not nearly as much of a problem as playing indoors during the cold months of the year.
26	01/07/17	I think it's a great idea.
27	01/08/17	The county needs additional indoor and outdoor tennis facilities. Tennis is a lifelong sport enjoyed by all family members and all ages. Indoor courts are critical for team competition that cannot easily be rescheduled when weather interferes.
28	01/08/17	Please do all that is possible to have the tennis facility come to fruition. while I don't know if this would also be an INDOOR facility, that would be amazing. Often times in this County, will all the active tennis players, there are simply not enough courts especially on weekend and weeknights Spring, Summer and Fall. If the Courts were indoor, our active tennis players would FINALLY have another sought after facility to use - not everyone has connections with Navy Brigade nor the ability to or desire to drive to Bowie Sport Fit. No doubt a facility would be WELL received and enhance this County's reason for being and attracting so many people. So say yes to a well done, indoor and/or outdoor tennis facility for this community.
29	01/08/17	Kudos to the Tennis Alliance and their hard work and determination on getting AACO the public tennis facility it so desperately needs. As an active member o AACTA and the USTA, it is down right pitiful to venture to Howard and Montgomery Counties and witness their public facilities. Give the Tennis Alliance their due and support them!
30	01/08/17	AA County needs an indoor tennis facility badly. I support this plan and will gladly pay for the privilege of playing during months when outdoor play is not feasible.
31	01/08/17	I would like to express my thanks to the Anne Arundel County Executive and Legislative branches of Government for your consideration of this important issue. Clearly our extensive system of parks and recreation options contribute greatly to life in Anne Arundel County. Tennis is a sport that attracts people of all cultures, ages, and socio economic status. For this reason tennis contributes greatly to the quality of life in our community. The primary issue regarding tennis in our community is the lack of suitable playing facilities with indoor and outdoor courts. Today players from Anne Arundel County are forced to leave Anne Arundel County when they win locally and qualify for regional play. Because we don't have a facility that meets USTA requirements our residents are forced to travel to Howard County, Montgomery County, or Prince Georges County for district and sectional tournaments. These tournaments are both drivers of economic development and quality of life for our residents. The popularity of tennis in the county is clear. The proposed Tennis Facility in Millersville will solve this problem and enable Anne Arundel County to begin hosting these tournaments. I would be happy to provide further comment if more information is required.
32	01/08/17	It would be a great investment in something that will bring a lot of good for the community as a whole. Tennis is a great sport that can be picked up at any point in life. From the youngest to the oldest, this will be a great thing for the community.
33	01/08/17	Yes!!!! This is very much needed. I routinely take my kids to Howard County to play tennis because of the lack of courts and/or condition of the courts in Anne Arundel Co. Severn Danza's courts are not only a disgrace to the county, but a hazzard. I think this is a great step forward, particularly for our youth.

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34	01/08/17	My wife and I have playing in and captaining USTA tennis teams for 10 years. We feel that the county is badly under served with indoor and outdoor tennis facilities. There are no county facilities other than the courts at the public high schools. These courts frequently are unavailable until school is out or the school students have priority for the courts anyway. Our indoor tennis options are in other counties or at a Federal facility at the Naval Academy. Given the limited number of courts available, it is always difficult to get court time. We feel that a tennis center, centrally located in Millersville, would be a great asset to the county and would be highly utilized.
35	01/08/17	I want to voice my support for the efforts to build a dedicated county owned and operated tennis facility. The tennis facility will serve our residents in so many ways and from a diverse set of backgrounds. It will provide for an opportunity to bring money to Anne Arundel County from around Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic area. Its time Anne Arundel County catches up to the other jurisdictions within our state.
36	01/08/17	Strongly support a tennis center in the County that has both indoor and outdoor courts!
37	01/08/17	We need tennis facilities in this county. I grew up playing tennis in Prince George's County where they have 2 indoor facilities in the winter. The only option we have is the Navy tennis facility. Severn Valley, has since been converted into indoor fields for kids. Children are not the only residents that participate in sports. There is nowhere in Anne Arundel County to take cardio tennis classes at this point. When you look at the USTA participation in the County, it shows the popularity of the sport and the range of ages of the participants. Without this facility, the County will be failing to meet the needs of all of these residents.
38	01/08/17	AA County needs an indoor tennis facility. Tennis is one of the healthiest sports and one of the few that can be played long past retirement age. Private indoor facilities have shrunk in recent years. County-run, indoor courts available at affordable cost would make a huge difference to the recreational health of AA County residents.
39	01/08/17	Since moving to Anne Arundel County I've seen Severn Valley tennis club close and the Community College Courts reduced in number from 6 to 2. Most importantly, unlike many other counties in central Maryland, our county has no indoor public courts. Since tennis is a sport that a person can play almost from cradle to grave, it would be great for the citizens of our county to have a public indoor/outdoor tennis facility. Indoor tennis should not be accessible only to folks who can afford a country club membership. Building this facility would be a most worthy use of taxpayer dollars.
40	01/08/17	I am a definite YES to the building of the tennis facility. I have been participating in tennis in Anne Arundel County for the last 25 years.
41	01/08/17	I'm writing in in total favor of the proposed tennis facility in Millersville. There is a great need for these tennis courts as there is a big shortage of courts in AA County.
42	01/08/17	There is a dire shortage of courts in our county. Many other counties in MD have publicly funded tennis courts (both indoor and outdoor) yet we do not. There are nearly 2,000 tennis players (probably more if you count children and youth) in AA county yet there are very few public courts outside of high school courts and certainly no public indoor courts.
43	01/09/17	I strongly support this project.
44	01/09/17	This Park & Tennis Center is going to be a great addition for this County since the tennis playing community here is vibrant and we desperately needs another indoor facility. Only other options are private and for profit.
45	01/09/17	I strongly support the proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center with indoor courts. I currently play at two other indoor courts with about 30 other players and time is so limited we are often unable to book a court. The proposed Tennis Center at Millersville Park would provide a feasible alternative which I would gladly pay to use.
46	01/09/17	Just want to express my strong support for the new tennis center. It is really needed we don't have nearly enough places to play tennis and what we have had at schools is slowly disappearing to poor condition or removing to expand schools.

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47	01/10/17	Anne Arundel County has a severe shortage of tennis courts, especially indoor ones. Tennis is a lifelong sport; it provides a great way to stay in shape and have fun for people of all ages. It is very difficult in this county to find enough courts to play on, and during the winter months there are few options for those who want to pursue year round tennis lessons, clinics or to play in leagues. The Millersville tennis center is very much needed in order to promote more tennis in this county.
48	01/10/17	Good day, I am an ardent pickleball player, and hope you are aware of this very rapidly growing sport. The need/request for courts is also growing very rapidly, as the players vastly outnumber the facilities available. It would be very easy to mark the tennis courts with pickleball lines, without compromising the integrity or playability of the courts. It would be even better to create a set of courts, indoor and outdoor, dedicated to pickleball. Pickleball is enjoyed by both young and older players, and is the most rapidly growing sport in the USA. The citizens of Anne Arundel County would greatly benefit from the creation of such a facility to be shared by both tennis and pickleball enthusiasts; this would also greatly enhance the use of such a recreational space.
49	01/10/17	As somebody who plays tennis often, and would like to get her family more involved in tennis, I would like to have more locations readily available for public use. Indoor facilities during the colder months that are available at a reasonable rate would be nice and would definitely get utilized by my family and tennis friends. Having public tennis courts available other than the ones at local high schools would be great because there are many times when I want to just be able to grab a court and play but the high school courts are already being used by leagues during the most convenient times for play (after school and early on weekends).
50	01/10/17	Unfortunately I am unable to attend this public meeting but fully support the idea of an indoor tennis facility in our county. I look forward to viewing the plans for it!
51	01/10/17	Yes, this facility is really needed in that location. With the tennis courts removed at Severna Park High School for the construction, and the removal of the private indoor/outdoor tennis facility on Route 3 in Gambrills there are very limited public places to play tennis in that area. The removal of most of the tennis courts at Anne Arundel Community College a few years back didn't help either.
52	01/11/17	Also there is a large increase of traffic on Millersville Rd. On Saturdays from the church on Sunrise Beach Rd. I can only think that there would be a high use of the proposed tennis facility on that same day of the week. Has this impact on the community been considered?
53	01/11/17	I think additional tennis courts for the county are a great idea! Indoor courts would be nice for wet and/or winter weather.
54	01/11/17	AA county desperately needs more tennis courts. Tennis is a wonderful life sport. It is inexpensive, and a great workout if there are courts available. I am 70 and still running around on the courts.
55	01/11/17	It is beyond time for a tennis facility in AACo. There are numerous players of all ages and USTA leagues that are constantly vying for the very limited number of courts, the majority outside and subject to the whims of the weather. Numerous courts have been eliminated i.e. SPSHS, AACommunity College making ever harder to pursue the sport of tennis in an affordable manner. Every county around us, Howard, Montgomery, PG etc have beautiful indoor and outdoor community court facilities, it is shameful that AACo lags behind and gives preference to other sports. please, please build this facility. I am out of town this week and unable to attend to be counted as a very concerned and interested citizen of AACo who wants more community accessible courts in AACo. Do the right thing please. I am willing to contribute my time to make this happen, please let me know what I can offer.

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56	01/12/17	I have been an avid tennis player and high school coach for many years, so I am very excited that plans for the Tennis center is moving forward. Over the years, I have been dismayed at the disappearance of so many courts in our county. These are the ones That I can recall: 2 at Arnold Park, 2 at Cape Elementary, 4 at Severn River/Magothy Middle, approximately 15 at Anne Arundel Community College, 4-5 at what used to be The Big Vanilla/now the Y, 10 at Severn Valley (or was it more?), and there are more if you factor in the ones that are unsafe to play on due to disrepair. And yet the number of players In Anne Arundel county has been increasing, so obviously many people are realizing that tennis is a sport for life, but they need more courts to play on! The Tennis Center is a facility that will benefit many, and is sorely needed in our county.
57	01/12/17	I am a huge supporter of the Anne Arundel Tennis Center. Please put me down as a "VOTE YES" for this very needed facility.
58	01/12/17	Remember , school tennis courts are CLOSED everyday during the school year. So when you count tennis courts, factor this in. I personally know 20 people who will use the new courts on the first day it opens.
59	01/12/17	Surrounding Counties have many public indoor tennis facilities. A A Co. has none. We have a large number of tennis players in the County who must play at private courts of travel to other Counties. As more & more professionals move into the County, A A Co must provide top quality indoor tennis courts.
60	01/12/17	I am 60 years old, been playing tennis since my 20s. I am amazed at the other county tennis facilities. Why wouldn't AA put a tennis center at the top of their list. It brings in tournaments and plenty of revenue for hotels and eating out. I know I have spent plenty in many other counties in Maryland. Please take this request seriously. You will not be disappointed. (Retired teacher, mother of 2, grandmother of 3)
61	01/12/17	As a youth tennis player in PG county we had access to a number of facilities with five or more courts. It would be wonderful if children, and adults in Anne Arundel county had a tennis center that gave them this same type of tennis option. It would also make Anne Arundel county a more attractive place for families who are looking to move here, and enjoy tennis.
62	01/12/17	Sorry that I could not make the meeting tonight on the proposed Millersville Tennis Center. I am very much in favor and feel that it would be a great asset to the health and well being for the citizens of AAC. We need more public courts in the county given the number of players and the lack of access and availability to public courts. Hope to make the next meeting.
63	01/13/17	What a great idea and a well needed facility. Tennis is such a great lifelong sport and activity for all ages.i am excited and support this initiative 100%.
64	01/13/17	An indoor public tennis facility centrally located in Millersville would be and incredible addition to the recreational options for those living in AA. Tennis is one sport that can be enjoyed by both young and old, male and female, requires limited equipment, and appeals to all skill levels. With limited options for indoor winter activities this would be an awesome and highly utilized addition to the recreational opportunities offered by Anne Arundel County.
65	01/13/17	These tennis courts are a fantastic idea. It will make the county a more desirable place to live thus increasing property values. These courts would get a lot of use. Excellent for all ages!
66	01/13/17	I'm a teacher in AACPS, and I think a tennis center located in central county is essential!! The more outdoor activities we can offer the public the more kids will be healthy and care for their environment. Participation in sports has proven to increase school attendance, grades, all while reducing drug use!
67	01/15/17	I am upset to think that county leaders would approve a project that would impact the road that services Millersville Elem. this is a two lane road that would not support additional traffic. Please tell me why this project is being considered when there are no funds available to remove exterior trailers from the school. Is recreation more important than providing efficient school space. If land is needed consider Eisenhower Golf Course or the Dairy land in Gambrills. How is this project being funded and what will the fees for use be? Please reconsider!!
68	01/16/17	The Jan.12 meeting was well conducted to a very divided audience. As a tennis player, I am very excited about the Millersville Tennis Center. Hopefully the concerns of the neighbors can be alleviated by gathering and presenting more specific information regarding traffic and future property safety as the Park's conceptual plan develops. A well-designed and maintained tennis center and public park should be an asset to the community and surrounding property values.

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69	01/17/17	Although I'm an avid tennis player and am a big advocate for this new recreational facility, I also play pickleball and would love to have some pickleball courts planned for the new county tennis center.
70	01/20/17	1. How is the tennis alliance dealing with all the wildlife they are displacing; deer, wild turkey, canadian geese, hawks, foxes, skunks, racoons, etc. 2. Why aren't the clay courts moved closer to the indoor center, instead of placed right up against my backyard? Or are they planning on adding even more courts and or other facilities in the unused green areas? 3. How late at night am I and my neighbors supposed to put up with the noise and our back and front yards lit up so that these folks can play tennis for free on our tax dollars.(Did the tennis alliance buy the land).
71	01/20/17	1. How is the county or the tennis alliance going to compensate the property owners for the guaranteed drop in property values? 2. Shouldn't the 10 foot wide asphalt path that will be driven on by equipment at a minimum and sure to be used as a jogging/walking path not be inside of the landscaping buffer? 2. Why is the landscaping buffer shown smaller by the residential properties than that along I97? 3. Why isn't the entire facility/courts closer to I97 than the residential properties
72	01/24/17	There is a huge need for affordable and playable year-round tennis courts in AA County. As courts in the area continue to diminish (and outside of AA County as well), residents continue to scramble to find a way to play. Please consider fast-tracking this facility. Thank you. (My 16-year old constantly bemoans the lack of access to facilities for play for he and his friends. The one sport he likes to play year round!)
73	01/28/17	I can't speak for my neighbors, but I know that most of us moved to this area for its tranquility. I've lived within a few miles of here since leaving the military in 1972 and in the same house on Millersville Road since 1992. While we've been a bit disappointed by the steadily increasing traffic levels as cars and trucks seek alternatives to congestion on Maryland Route 3, we were thoroughly dismayed when Anne Arundel County in January revealed not a concept but a mostly-baked plan for a large commercial tennis facility across from Millersville Elementary School. Let me be clear: I do not oppose the county building a tennis facility, but I am quite sure it will be a disaster on the Millersville Road site. I've tried to be very brief below but I'm more than willing to expand if necessary. WRONG PLACE. The county is proposing partnering with a non-profit, tennis-oriented group to construct and operate the tennis facility, and that could potentially be a smart move for taxpayers. But situating the facility on an already over-traveled residential road across from the congested parking lot of an over-crowded elementary school makes no sense. The facility, although run by a non-profit, is clearly a commercial activity. And, if the land was not owned by the county, there is no way a commercial group could obtain the necessary rezoning to put the facility on the old farm the county acquired a few years ago. In taking green space and turning it into a large indoor tennis building and paved outdoor courts along with 150 paved parking spaces, the county will significantly change – and in my view degrade – the quality of life for those of us who live nearby and further add to the traffic congestion for those who pass by either to get to or avoid Route 3. WRONG PLAN. I believe the tennis association is well intentioned. It is also seems that this a group of avid tennis players that has no obvious experience operating such a facility. When the county made its presentation to the neighborhood on January 12, it said the advantages of the deal with the tennis association was that the county would only offer and improve the site, but the association would build and operate the facility. However, in the business plan released to the public only after that meeting, it seems that Anne Arundel County will be on the hook for several million dollars in additional assistance to get the facility built and to operate it. And, all of us taxpayers will be on the hook if the facility fails. The plan used an algorithm created by a national tennis promotion organization to determine how much demand exists to play and pay more than \$30 an hour on the facility's courts. It calls this a market analysis but the reality is it is not much more than a guess. There has been no market analysis done in Anne Arundel County that actually demonstrates that there is sufficient demand to sustain such a large facility. A final word on the process: While I applaud the efforts by Anne Arundel County and our elected officials to add recreational opportunities, it would have been far more appropriate to talk to those of us who live here long before the county spent hundreds of thousands of dollars planning this tennis facility. These negotiations were going on for a year or more before anything was revealed to the neighborhood. I hope that county officials will, at the very least, slow down and have real conversations with the neighborhood rather than present us with pretty much a done deal.

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74	01/29/17	I would love to have a tennis facility in the city! I just moved to Millersville in July of 2016 and have been looking for a local place to play tennis. Please strongly consider adding these courts, they are much needed!
75	01/30/17	Regarding locating the tennis complex development at Millersville Park My wife and I purchase our historic home on Millersville Rd in 1997. We saved it from demolition, relocated it on the property, and restored it in a historically sensitive manner. We were drawn to this area and went to this effort and investment because of its rural nature and most importantly its RLD zoning. See the definition of RLD zoning below. RLD - Residential Low Density This District is generally intended for low-density rural single-family detached residential development at a subdivision density of 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres. Minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet. Maximum lot coverage by structures is 25%. Maximum height is 45 feet. RLD zoning is put in place by the county to ensure that dense developments and large commercial enterprises are not allowed. This is a commitment to the homeowners that they are investing in property without the hazard of such development and the accompanying parking lots, lights, noise, crime, traffic, and environmental impacts. I feel the county's plan for Millersville Park is a blatant and insulting violation of this civic responsibility. Certainly no private or commercial entity would be allowed by the county to build anything outside of RLD on this property and for some good reasons which follow. Traffic: Route 3 has been allowed to develop at a great rate over the years and Millersville Rd. traffic is already problematic because of it and other development. The county allowed a large church to be built on Millersville Rd. also on RLD zoning (Severn Run). Each time services at this church finish the traffic on Millersville Rd. comes to a standstill for nearly a mile. This is not just an annoyance but a safety issue in the event that emergency vehicles need to pass. School busses and parents coming and going from Millersville Elementary School, almost immediately across the street from Millersville Park, already are challenged to enter and exit safely due to the traffic on Millersville Rd. Again, increased traffic is not just an inconvenience but adds the the danger to the students. Naturally Rt. 3 will continue to be developed as the larger area will in general and traffic due to this will continue to increase. Adding an additional traffic burden right in the center of an RLD neighborhood already suffering heavy traffic is not sensible. The initial traffic study cited by the county in relation to this project makes some obviously faulty assumptions even to the layperson. Water runoff: The surrounding properties struggle with excess surface water and poor percolation. The entire area relies on private wells and septic systems including Millersville Elementary School. As the county is aware, septic systems in this area need to be enormous because of the poor soil percolation. The property in question includes wetlands, a natural spring, and flooding issues. The surrounding properties are prone to flooding on a regular basis. This will only be exacerbated by increased impervious surfaces. Community Conservation "Old Millersville", as the locals refer to our area (the original Millersville Post Office was once around the corner in a now historic house) has a quiet and rural way about it. The property that was purchased by the county ad designated "Millersville Park" has been farmed for over 100 years. Many neighbors are 3rd generation "Old Millersville". When the county purchased property in the heart of this we were told that perhaps some day there would be a park there, ball fields perhaps. Instead, the current proposal is to place the largest county tennis complex in the state (correct me if I'm wrong on this) in this location. This is clearly not in keeping with the neighborhood. Please consider these concerns and look for a different lot within a more commercial zone for this largely commercial-style development.
76	01/30/17	We think the Tennis Center at Millersville Park is a terrific idea and will help achieve the County Executive's goal to improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County. This new facility will transform the lives of county residents with new opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Tennis is a life time sport! The "community center" in a park-like setting gives character to the concept and the plan for a not-for-profit operator with high quality professional tennis programming and management will make it a place to go for friends, family, and fun. Can't wait.
77	02/07/17	Request that Pickleball courts be included at the park and tennis center, either by "striping" tennis courts to accommodate Pickleball play or by creating separate Pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and there are many enthusiastic players in Anne Arundel County. Unfortunately, there aren't many places to play in the county, and many of us players have to go to Prince Georges County to play. PG County has a lot of recreational facilities that include Pickleball.

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78	02/09/17	My comments can be limited to seconding everything #75 has stated as reasons to NOT put this facility in this rural area, i.e. traffic, zoning, water runoff, light pollution (Seriously? You intend on lighting 18 outdoor tennis courts till 11pm seven nights a week in a rural area?) I am wholly and completely opposed and will endeavor to stop it in whatever fashion necessary including legal challenges.
79	02/09/17	This location is not good. It is in the back yards of several homes in a residential area. There is poor road access already to the area on the over congested Millersville Road. This is not wanted or needed in the area. Please find a better location that is more accessible.
80	02/09/17	This is the wrong project in the wrong place at the wrong time. Many walkers, runners and bikers use that section of Millersville Road. Increased traffic to the tennis courts will allow recreation for one group while denying an existing recreation option to others. The proposed site is a beautiful green area that invites birds and small animals. Paving it over for a parking lot and courts is just plain wrong.
81	02/10/17	Although a tennis facility may be desperately needed in AA County, the proposed location off Millersville Road is not the best location. The two lane road will likely not be able to support the additional traffic the tennis courts will bring. Currently, on Saturday afternoons, there is a backup on Millersville Road around 4:30 - 5:00 pm because a church group or some other organization nearby ends its meeting/services around that time. Cars waiting for the light at Rt. 3 can back-up on Millersville Road to the elementary school. I have been in the back-up many times, trying to reach my destination on Cecil Avenue. Saturday would likely be the busiest day for the tennis facility and I cannot image the additional traffic congestion that it will bring to the area. I vote no for the tennis facility proposed for the Millersville site.
82	02/10/17	You must be out of your mind. someone lacks common sense in this decision

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83	02/10/17	<p>Regarding locating the tennis complex development at Millersville Park We purchased our home in Millersville Acres on Cecil Avenue in 1986. We were drawn to this area because of its rural nature, proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and our Annapolis-Baltimore-Washington metro work locations. We were aware of the AA Co 25-year planning to include I-97 but, remained confident in the retaining of the rural environment based on the RLD zoning. (See the definition of RLD zoning below.) RLD - Residential Low Density This District is generally intended for low-density rural single-family detached residential development at a subdivision density of 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres. Minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet. Maximum lot coverage by structures is 25%. Maximum height is 45 feet. RLD zoning is put in place by the county to ensure that dense developments and large commercial enterprises are not allowed. This is a commitment to the homeowners that they are investing in property without the hazard of such development and the accompanying parking lots, lights, noise, crime, traffic, and environmental impacts. I feel the county's plan for Millersville Park is an outrageous and blatant violation of county civic responsibility. There is a total lack of concern for the well-being and safety of the residents and the environment of our community as evidenced by the lack of environmental impact studies and insufficient traffic studies (our district traffic officer was not aware of this proposal), as confirmed at the community meeting. The development of surrounding commercial properties is already impacting this community and additional health, safety and environmental impacts should not be permitted in this RLD community. Current issues include: Traffic: Route 3 development has been overwhelming and Millersville Rd and Cecil Avenue have become traffic escape routes for Rt 3 North & South. Drivers have NO CONCERN for the posted 35 mph speed limits. The proposed location of the park on Millersville Road is already a blind hazard area for Millersville Elementary School. I witness drivers turning off Cecil towards I-97 cutting off school buses in the mornings. Increased traffic to support a commercial tennis center is not just an inconvenience but is an added danger to the teachers, bus drivers and students. The Rt-3/Rt-175/I-97 corridor continues to be developed as witnessed with the current proposed Royal Farms in the Rt -3/Rt-175 cross over. The current traffic hazards and volume will continue to increase. Adding any additional traffic burden to our RLD neighborhood should not be considered feasible. Water runoff: The continued commercial development of our area has significant impact to the Jezeb water shed, the head waters of the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay. We have significant issues with excess surface water run-off and poor percolation. Our area has no access to AA Co water and sewage service we rely on private wells and septic systems including Millersville Elementary School. Part of our lot size is to support our septic systems because of the poor soil percolation. Our properties are prone to saturation due to the high-water table. The park design includes large impervious surface plans and roof runoff. This would be a significant detriment to the surrounding communities. Environment/Wildlife Conservation: The property in question was farmed for many years, it includes wetlands, a natural spring and due to the increased development serves as habitat for local native wildlife. Local communities, churches and businesses are working to establish wildlife areas, pollinator gardens and bee habitats. The proposed fill, paving, building, storm water management of this "park" is insulting to our community and a violation of county responsibility. We are aware of the numerous outdoor tennis courts that the county has not maintained and ask that you consider investing in the refurbishment of those locations and consider using the private funds to purchase a commercial property for development.</p>
84	02/11/17	<p>Millersville Rd. is a terrible location choice for this facility. The increased traffic, noise, light pollution, and environmental impact will cause great problems for the surrounding community. I suspect those in favor of this location, do not live near this location. If this land must be developed, open ball fields seem like a better option. They can be used by people playing a variety sports, instead of players of just one sport. Plus the impact on the surrounding community will decrease. Please find another location for the tennis facility.</p>
85	02/11/17	<p>Does Anne arundel County need a tennis facility? Yes. Should it be on Millersville Road? NO. There are many places in the area that are more suitable for such a large center. Millersville Road is rural neighborhood. The families who live on Millersville Road should not be subjected to a high-volume facility that would greatly disrupt their way of life. There are many pieces of property in Anne arundel County where a tennis facility of this magnitude could be placed without disrupting the houses, farms and the quaint community of Millersville Road. Shame on anyone, tennis players to politician, who would place this center here. Take this project elsewhere!</p>

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86	02/11/17	Please do not build the tennis complex in Millersville. Our grandchildren live in the area and I will be concerned about their safety with more people in the area. Also the traffic would be too much fir that area.
87	02/11/17	This is not the right location. It is a rural area and the proposed facility is a commercial venture. You can pretend it is a park, but the planned fees for use say otherwise, as does the size of the facility. This lot was obtained by the county for "open space" and yet the proposed plan is for a large building and lots of paving in an area that already has surface water issues.
88	02/11/17	My family moved to Millersville in 1978 to enjoy tranquility, the outdoors and an area free of Rt 2 and Rt 3 congestion. Our property taxes have risen a lot. This Commercial facility can locate in many underused sites on Rt 3. We have competing demands for our tax monies; this facility on environmentally sensitive grounds, proposes to use State and County grants and support funds, with no plans to be self supporting. This property should become County Open Space; the taxpayers own it. Where are the Environmental studies, stormwater mitigation plans, the FDP? Our water table has been depleted over the years; how do you justify Commercial well and septic at taxpayers expense?
89	02/11/17	I think this is a totally inappropriate location for this facility. So I really hope it does not go forward. It would be in the middle of homes that were built long ago and the traffic issues will be never ending. This area is not commercial and should not be developed that way. I'm all for progress but to plop a large facility in this area is wrong. Cant you find an area on route 3 or someplace else?
90	02/11/17	I oppose this facility as it will disturb the rural nature of the community as well as take up resources such as well water. I and most of my neighbor's have thousands of dollars invested in quality water supply and have had to dig deeper wells over time to get below radon, which occurs naturally. I also have to neutralize water to balance acidity, which if untreated erodes pipes. At the tap, I have PUR filter to remove lead. I urge that this facility be located elsewhere and especially be on public water and sewer.
91	02/11/17	I have read with interest all the comments posted in favor of this tennis facility. I highly doubt if any of those in favor live in the communities near the site. I, on the other hand, do; and, as such, am in opposition to the proposed construction of this tennis facility. Although our community has no corporate entity for me to speak as its representative, be assured that I voice the opinion of many of my neighbors and those who live in adjoining communities in Crownsville; such as Arden on the Severn, Waterbury, Baldwin Hills, Tanager Forest, Overlea, and the households along Cecil Ave. and Indian Landing Road to name a few. I believe this venture of the county is ill advised on a number of fronts. This property was purchased by the county Dept. of Recreation and Parks for the purpose of having a park initially slated, I believe, for soccer fields for the area youth. Please be aware that this area along Millersville Rd., called Old Millersville by some, for obvious reasons, is one of the last areas in this part of the county that still is very rural in character. In fact the 33 acres proposed for this use is zoned RLD, hardly appropriate for a such a facility that borders on being commercial in nature. It is true that a ride down the already overburdened Route 3 will take you to the more recent commercial expansion in that area. But Millersville Rd. is a single lane with no sidewalks and very limited areas of even a shoulder. Most of the present traffic is residents leaving or coming home, with no commercial destinations along its entire length. The only other destinations would be a church or Millersville Elementary School which is directly across the road from the proposed facility. The proposed tennis facility will be the largest in the state. Millersville Road will hardly be adequate to handle the additional traffic. This increased traffic would also have a detrimental effect on the safety of the children attending the elementary school. This 33 acre site is less than a mile from streams which feed the Severn River. The construction of close to 20 outdoor courts, a building large enough to house multiple indoor courts, spectator areas, bathroom facilities and 150 parking spaces would pose a large environmental impact on this already challenged waterway. Finally I think the county could spend more of its budget on improving Millersville Elementary School than on any tennis facility. One only has to look across the street from the site to see over half a dozen temporary classrooms surrounded by chain link fence which the local youths have had to use because of the ongoing overcrowding at their school. Future monies should not be budgeted for this tennis facility, they should be used to improve the learning environment of our children. They will go further in life with a good educational foundation than being a good tennis player. (If their parents can afford to pay the court fees. Their use will NOT be free.)

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92	02/11/17	The need or desire for a centrally located tennis facility is one question while the particular location for such a development is another. MILLERSVILLE ROAD IS NOT THE RIGHT LOCATION! It was chosen out of convenience (It was one of only a few properties the county happened to own at the time that the Tennis Alliance was formed to start its campaign). That does not make it a sensible location.
93	02/11/17	I am writing to respectfully share my concerns and opposition regarding the tennis complex development being proposed for Millersville Park. As other residents have already voiced, the concerns regarding traffic, water runoff, and conservation must be addressed. Millersville Road, as well as surrounding roads, have become cut-throughs to avoid the traffic on Route 3. Route 3 has become a dangerous highway due to the mixing of local and "thru" traffic as all of you should be well aware. The continued development of Route 3 and the surrounding roadways and neighborhoods (ie. Waugh Chapel Road) at a seemingly unchecked rate has created an influx of traffic that no one at the county level seems interested in attempting to keep at a manageable level. The tennis center project would situate the county's main tennis facility right in the middle of an RLD zoned rural neighborhood, increasing non-local traffic on a two-lane country road that was not meant to handle such an influx of continual daily traffic. I was surprised to hear during the meeting that the traffic study indicated "no impact" to the area if the facility is built. How can that make sense to anyone? Of course it will have an impact - to those of us who actually live in the neighborhood and already have seen increased traffic loads due to the development of the surrounding area. The tennis representatives did a great job sharing the stats regarding the lack of tennis facilities in the county, which highlights exactly why a rural neighborhood is not the most sensible location for a facility that is meant to fill such a void for the county. I have read that Steve Schuh would like to preserve areas in South County...this would be a great start, but we all need conservation of some open green spaces, especially in areas of rapid development like Odenton/Crofton/Piney Orchard/Millersville, etc. The residents of these areas in West County probably need to feel that more than those in South County at this point. We are watching our open spaces dissipate at an alarming rate.
94	02/11/17	Could the reason why so many tennis courts have disappeared over the years be lack of demand? Why build when so many courts have been under-utilized and removed? I see no value in this proposal to the public. I am sure it has value to people who play tennis and want to pay for it, but the value stops there. I don't see in the proposal where tax payers will be able to play tennis unless they pay. The land in question is public and it is a shame that farmland in RLD zoning that has a wetland could be developed as planned and exclude all but those willing to pay. I suggest tennis fans of Anne Arundel County buy their own piece of property, play by local zoning rules where land is purchased, and play tennis all they want. Building this will certainly change the neighborhood, and not for the better. As a local resident, I am further concerned about water quality issues, run off and the wetlands, added traffic, as well as light pollution.
95	02/12/17	Location is too close to houses and farming area. Roads can't handle the traffic. A site on 97 or veterans highway where it is already zoned commercial. Stop developing all farm land in AACO
96	02/12/17	Please consider alternate location for this proposed Tennis Facility. Adding additional traffic to this area is not in the best interest of anyone. Parking improvements were recently done to the elementary school. The entrance/exit to the proposed Park would impact the safety of our students at the elementary school. To my knowledge no prior traffic studies have been completed to this area. When the road was resurfaced years ago it has caused water run off to collect in our yard and I foresee future problems. Not to mention the proposed Royal Farms property going in as well. The addition of these new properties, along with the hiker/biker trail parking nearby is just too much development for this somewhat rural area. What other locations within the county have been considered for this Tennis Park? Have any other usage studies been conducted to consider the best usage of this property off of Millersville Rd? It seems like other options have not been considered. Please consider traffic, safety issues before moving forward. There are times on the weekends where traffic is at a stand still for a good amount of time when a local church lets out. Adding more traffic to this area is not a great idea.
97	02/12/17	This huge commercial project in an area that is residential and farmland is totally inappropriate. It would create abundant traffic on Millersville Road and noise for the residents in the area. I oppose the building of this unnecessary facility.

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98	02/12/17	Please don't do this to an already congested area. Between this senseless idea and the proposed Royal Farms being located across from the already nightmarish Millersville WaWa, you are just creating more problems.
99	02/12/17	My family, like many others built here because it is zoned RLD to get away from the hustle bustle of rt.2/rt.3. Waugh chapel has already jammed up rt.3 to unacceptable levels. I am not opposed to a taxpayers funded county recreational facility, but I am against the location. Millersville Rd is too small and congested to support this size facility and how on earth did the county ignore the zoning? If there was such a demand for this sport a commercial entity would have already been making money and API would still be called Severn Tennis. Build it elsewhere...
100	02/12/17	PLEASE DO NOT BUILD THIS FACILITY IN THIS SPACE. NOT FAIR TO THE COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE THE MONEY CAN BE BETTER SPENT. I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO A SINGLE PERSON IN THE AREA WHO SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT.
101	02/12/17	This is horrible. This will have so much traffic practically in homeowners backyards. Not to mention bringing much more traffic and people to a quiet community as well right across from a school. We chose this area to live in to be away from the congestion and now it is better no forced on us. There are so many properties that are run down, abandoned, or sitting empty that would be better suited. For example the property where Crownsville hospital was. Deteriorating buildings, lots of space there. Please don't do more congestion to our quiet community build on what is already been instead of destroying new.
102	02/12/17	To whom it may concern, I have lived in Millersville for 14 years. My 4 children attend Millersville Elementary. We came to this community to raise a family and enjoy the quieter neighborhoods and countryside. Unfortunately, Millersville Road traffic does not allow simple outdoor recreations such as bike riding, walking and jogging. My kids cannot walk to school and we are 1/2 mile away. Each of the communities are locked in without sidewalks or a recreation path. Our streets do not connect to each other. Regularly, I see bicyclists fighting for space to maintain their safety on this "country" road which connects so many of our "country" neighbors. The speed limit is 35 yet people drive 50-60 miles an hour. We are drawing more and more families and builders due to the elementary school and yet we continue to restrict outdoor recreation due to lack of sidewalks and a forgot promise for a recreation trail. Adding a tennis complex will only increase traffic and cause serious congestion in a tight and small space. People in this day and age will react unfavorably to the traffic and with increased impatience and selfishness in society, I feel will threaten the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, not to mention the bus-stops where children stand and wait on the side of the road. It is insane and greedy to bring a business into this area without thinking of all that is needed to protect the community residents. Sidewalks, recreation trails and turning lanes should be considered first to mitigate such a potential traffic nightmare and to protect our citizens. Please consider those who are trying to live a stress free and healthy lifestyle and consider the safety of our children. Sincerely, Kim Heinrich
103	02/12/17	Has it been considered to make New Cut Rd exit off I 97, rather than Millersville Rd. From the map of the proposed site, it seems that Millersville Rd is the worse option for access.
104	02/12/17	I strongly oppose the addition of the tennis complex on millersville road. The small two lane road can not handle the traffic it will bring to the area. The road already gets back up from the many local churches and annual functions like the Renfest. Please put the complex someplace else!
105	02/12/17	This has to be the largest waste of money I've heard of in a long time. There are 4 public courts on Sunrise Beach Road that stand unused about 90% of the time. You can't tell me that there is \$12M worth of interest enough to warrant the destruction of that natural land that makes it anywhere near worth it. It's an absolute JOKE that the county is considering this, and yet MILLERSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL sits across the street with aged portable trailers for classrooms, water that the students can't drink, badly needed upgrades that are 20+ years in the making, air conditioning and heat that doesn't always work, holes in security that allow 300 students to be open to the general public, water lines the seize up in the winter so the bathrooms don't work, and countless other issues that go unaddressed by our county government. REALLY? But they're willing to pump \$6M into 50/50 funding a tennis center that is going to increase traffic on country roads? This is such a bad idea that you have to laugh when hearing about it or you're just going to wind up crying about it.

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106	02/12/17	<p>In reading the Millersville Park and Tennis Center comments, it appears there is much support and arguments for a tennis facility for AACo in the Millersville Park area. Unfortunately, I am not opposed to the suggested need for a facility, BUT the location. Is anyone in the Tennis Alliance a potential 'back door' neighbor to this facility or could possibly be negatively impacted? I am thankful that I have this opportunity to be heard to share my concerns. Unfortunately, I did not learn of this opportunity until THIS MORNING, 2/12/17. I had heard unofficially that there was talks about a Parks and Recs ball field but not a tennis center. Is AACO doing its best to inform the community? Is the community that will be directly impacted and aware? This community although has common ties it may unfortunately not be closely knit with neighbors like those in sectioned off communities (ie., Crofton, Shipley's Choice, Arden, etc.) which as we are noticing is detrimental in receiving important information. Regardless, I share the same concerns as those that were shared by citizens on 1/30/17 and 1/28/17(comment #73 and comment #75, respectively). Although we appreciate the efforts of the county to expand recreational opportunities, this area may not be ideal. If this is a facility for all of AACo, how can we anticipate and handle the traffic that it will attract? Have there been traffic, environmental or best usage studies conducted? If so, has this been shared with the neighboring public that will be affected and potentially impacted the most? Millersville Road as it exists NOW is troubled by the traffic it handles and it challenges the safety of pedestrians, children, motorists and cyclists. For the most part, there is no shoulder and this road is too narrow for the many cyclists as it currently stands. Again, if the proposal is to have an indoor/outdoor tennis court for ALL of AACO, would Millersville Road be able to handle such volume of additional traffic? Has the county considered the traffic, lights, noise, crime and other environmental impacts of bringing such a large/commercial facility to the area. I also read about anticipated tennis tournaments...with one way in and one way out...residents in this area are well aware of the traffic impacts of the Renaissance festival. I did not even touch on the fact that I am receiving word (at the same time of the Tennis Center notification) about a proposed Royal Farm Store at the corner of Millersville Rd and Rt 3? There is a new WaWa directly across the street and a closed Wawa sits vacant on Generals Hwy. I do not understand the prospects of building such a facility. In the end, I have strong reservations for the building of the Tennis Center. I am for a facility to address the tennis community but do not think that the proposed lot takes into consideration impacts and concerns of the neighboring community.</p>
107	02/12/17	<p>I am opposed to the Tennis Complex. We already have a traffic problem on Millersville Road and this will add to it. Aren't there more viable options like the old Crownsville Hospital complex?</p>
108	02/12/17	<p>Both of my children attend Millersville Elementary School. I believe having the entrance to this new facility on Millersville Road right near the school is going to cause a traffic nightmare. People already drive too fast on that road for the school zone and there are no sidewalks. If they could somehow make the entrance not off Millersville Road then maybe it could work.</p>

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109	02/12/17	<p>I am proud to call Millersville home. I am currently in 8th grade at Old Mill Middle South, and I graduated from Millersville Elementary School in 2014. This is a wonderful community, and I have many close friends who live here. However, recent activities have occurred in Millersville that I am NOT proud of. I do not want the construction of Millersville Park and its tennis courts to happen. It poses too many problems for the environment, causes disruption for Millersville's residents, and it simply does not fill a need that people have. There are better alternative places in and nearby Millersville where people can play tennis if they want to. As stated before, the construction of the park, and the park itself, poses numerous problems for the environment. For example, when constructing the tennis courts, trees may have to be cut down in order to make room for the courts and other facilities. This destroys animals' habitats, especially native animals to Maryland and to Anne Arundel County. Also, runoff can occur from dirt and debris. The planned area for the park is nearby streams that flow into nearby rivers, like the Severn River, and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay itself. Anne Arundel County works too hard to prevent this kind of pollution. Construction site runoff is a serious problem that can't be ignored, especially in Anne Arundel County where we must safeguard the Chesapeake Watershed. Not to mention, diesel fumes from trucks and construction equipment are thick, and stinky, and could cause bad air pollution near the construction site. It'll be like a scene from The Lorax! Second of all, the construction and use of Millersville Park will cause SERIOUS sound pollution for the residents of the area. I live nearly 2 minutes away from the planned site and I don't need "booms" and "crashes" from construction equipment to wake me up in the morning. Also, I know people who live right across from Millersville Elementary who don't want to be rubbing elbows with giant tennis courts next to them. If these things are actually built, and people actually come to use them, there will be noises and screams and shouts. Sound carries a long way, and I'm sure kids at the elementary school don't need distractions while they are trying to learn. Most importantly, tennis courts are not a dire need for Millersville. I don't know a single person who plays tennis, although there are people out there who do. The money from the park can be used for other important things that fill needs for the community. For example, both Old Mill Schools and Millersville Elementary need serious renovations that have long been denied. The money can even be better used to serve the growing number of poor people in Anne Arundel County. My very own street could also REALLY use city water and sewage lines built. In conclusion, I speak for many when I say that I don't want Millersville Park to be built. There are just so many other ways to use taxpayer's hard-earned money than building tennis courts.</p>
110	02/12/17	<p>I own property that abuts the Southwestern corner of the proposed tennis park. Every time it rains, there is severe flooding and standing water on that southwestern corner of the site which flows over on to my property (as well as the property of our neighbors). I believe that the situation will only be exacerbated by creating more impervious surface with the proposed tennis courts, buildings, and parking lots. If the facilities are built, I would hope that measures will be taken to eliminate this standing water issue. In addition, I do not think that the existing Millersville two lane road can safely accommodate all of the additional traffic that will be occasioned by the tournaments and events contemplated for this private tennis facility. There is an elementary school across the street on Millersville Road and it does not appear that any traffic study has been conducted to assess the impact of the tennis facility on existing traffic patterns or to evaluate the scheduling and safety implications for children attending Millersville elementary school. I would prefer to see the farmland converted to a more general use open space/park that would be more in keeping with its existing use rather than dedicated to what will be, in essence, a private tennis club where county residents are going to have to reserve time and be charged money if they want to utilize or otherwise take advantage of this county "park". The County should be looking for ways to preserve existing open space as well as exploring ways to create additional areas where county residents can hike and enjoy nature. I question the need for the county to partner with a private enterprise to create this type of tennis complex (and I admit that neither I, nor anyone in my family is a tennis player). But assuming there is a need for more public tennis courts in Anne Arundel County, I would urge you to consider multiple smaller sites so that these public courts could be more widely distributed around various regions of the county. Having multiple smaller public tennis facilities would have less impact on the environment than the proposed tennis complex and would also have the benefit of making the courts closer and more accessible to residents throughout the county.</p>

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111	02/12/17	Though I technically live in Connecticut, I spend at least two months of each year in Millersville. The home across the street from Millersville Elementary was in my family for over seventy years, and more family lives on the land behind that house. This complex would completely negate the small-town, agricultural feel of Millersville Rd., one of the few places left in the area without this sort of development. The light pollution and traffic would irrevocably ruin the area. While I can understand that people put a great deal of effort into scouting what looks like a location near the highway, that is not at all the way this area feels. Tennis is a privileged sport, one that exists in many places around the county and could be located elsewhere. This neighborhood is not particularly affluent and should not have a tennis complex forced upon it. Please oppose this project.
112	02/12/17	My entire family is very much in favor of this tennis complex!!
113	02/12/17	The proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center would be a significant asset to our community. There are minimal public courts in the County (especially indoor) and this facility would fill that void!
114	02/12/17	I VOTE NO to the proposed tennis courts. Recently moved to Millersville due to the rural appeal - adding a facility such as the proposed would increase traffic, noise, pollution and detract from the area greatly.
115	02/12/17	I am generally in support of the idea of a tennis facility as a smaller part of a recreational park for this section of Millersville. However, I am concerned about the proposed hourly fees limiting its usage and accessibility by the general public. Based upon reading the feasibility study, I do believe a \$12/hour fee for outdoor courts will NOT serve the general public well when there are 160+ ,sometimes poorly maintained, outdoor courts in the rest of the county. Fees for indoor usage make sense, but combined with an annual fee of \$360 per family per year will limit its usage as well. If only 6 percent of population is likely to take an interest in tennis , one needs to question the emphasis on a tennis center. Perhaps creating a multi-use park (similar to Kinderfarm park) with a smaller set of indoor courts would best fit the public interest. Linking the park up to the counties trail system makes good sense, but why not spend some of the money to complete the long overdue South Shore Trail? Its been on the books for decades and could be used by a wider portion of the population. Please consider the makeup of this park when considering this proposal.
116	02/12/17	Out of all the available property in Anne Arundel County, the Tennis Alliance chooses an inconvenient location on an already overly traveled road by 3 schools, 6 churches, other local communities heading for and returning from route 3 access. The proposed entrance couldn't be in a more dangerous location. WHY? I can't imagine how anyone would enjoy playing tennis outside while traffic from 97 zooms by them. As a 27 year resident and farm owner, my family says NO to this venture. Too commercial. Benefits everybody but the people who live in the surrounding area.
117	02/12/17	This looks like a very large facility that will attract more traffic than our roads and neighborhoods can handle.
118	02/12/17	Please do not put this project in our community. We have special rural farmland here. You cannot ever get it back after it has become a parking lot. And how in the world would this ever be allowed anyhow, given the zoning??? If private citizens must abide by the zoning, then so should the county and private business.
119	02/12/17	Do not build tennis courts there!! It will take business away from API sports complex on rt 3 and will create unnecessary traffic. You guys already took away the best wawa ever. Leave the rural farmlands!
120	02/13/17	I am concerned about the proposed location of this facility. Millersville Road is a 2 lane road that already sees quite a bit of traffic. This project will increase that traffic, especially near the elementary school where drivers already regularly exceed the posted speed limit. I'm also concerned about the lighting at the outdoor courts in this residential area. Perhaps this facility could be sited adjacent to the new Old Mill High School so that students could use the facility, as well as those who choose to pay the fee to join the facility.
121	02/13/17	Please do not allow this tennis park to be built. The area cannot support the traffic and the activity.

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122	02/13/17	NO - STOP THIS PROJECT There is a reason that the indoor tennis courts closed. The interest for tennis has really declined and Severn Valley had to sell. The new owners kept some indoor courts and did not get the rentals. This is a waste of time and money to build this facility. It is a shame that people in the area are going to have to deal with even more traffic problems from construction and programs. After they realize tennis will fail then what? You already have 3 indoor facilities in the area that run other athletic programs. Why take from those private owners who pay taxes and do not hide behind a non-profit and county tax or no tax status. Spend the money where it is needed. LOOK at outdoor tennis courts...they are empty in the prime time for play summer. So what makes the county and this group think people will pay to play there. I won't when there are free open courts. This study is not accurate and you cant believe everything you read.
123	02/13/17	To start, I am dismayed that our County did not inform the local residents who will be directly impacted by this proposed tennis center and our notification came from word of mouth by neighbors! As a 13 year resident in Overlea Estates located on Millersville Road, I am opposed to a tennis facility located on Millersville Road. My primary concern is the ever growing traffic and congestion. In the proposed tennis center feasibility study, the market analysis indicated "TCM's primary market area was determined to consist of a 20-minute driving time that approximates to a 10-mile radius." This must have been determined in the wee hours in the middle of the night. I live .7 mile from the intersection of Millersville Road and Rte. 3 North. If I am the 3rd or 4th car in line at the stop light, then I can make it to Rte. 3 southbound in 5 to 7 minutes on a good day; otherwise, I will sit 1 to 2 cycles of lights to get through to the southbound lane. My children's school is less than 4 miles from our home and it takes 20 minutes on any given day. This analysis is misleading because you cannot get 10 miles in 20 minutes anywhere on Route 3. On Saturday evenings and Sunday, the traffic is backed up from the lighted Rte. 3 North/Millersville intersection to Cecil Avenue South for church services (6 total services on those 2 days) at Our Lady of the Fields. On Saturdays, in the late afternoon, heading west on Millersville Road towards the lighted intersection, the traffic is backed up almost to Millersville Elementary School. I would assume this proposed tennis center will host tournaments on weekends and how will the County manage the traffic? Aside from the current volume of traffic and impeded flow, safety is a large concern. The intersection of Millersville Road, Rte. 3 north, Rte. 175 and Rte. 3 south is poorly engineered and lends itself to frequent accidents and near misses. The angle of Millersville Road and Rte. 175 across Rtes. 3 North and South does not allow for clear viewing of cars as you are crossing through the intersection. As you are probably aware, Royal Farms is proposed to be built in this intersection mess and an estimated 20,000 more vehicles to flow through this intersection. Another concern is that the conservative estimated cost of \$8 million dollars to build this facility is unlikely going to be a success when other area tennis courts are growing weeds! A single sport entity will not survive, regardless of what tennis advocates promote. For example, API located on the southbound lane of Rte. 3 (1.6 miles from the proposed tennis center), has several indoor/outdoor tennis courts that are underutilized and needed to diversify to multi-sports and sports training to stay in business. Looking at their utilization times on the internet, they are well below peak time (6-9pm) during the workweek and 50% of peak times during the weekends. Google tennis courts in Gambrills, MD (www.globaltennisnetwork.com/tennis-courts/courts/city/2271-gambrills-maryland) and the results come back with 112 in Gambrills and the surrounding area (similar to TCM's primary market) and this does not include the 56 in Annapolis. The proposed tennis facility regardless of their profit status is a commercial facility and the proposed location is a rural low density zoned area. Does the County and this proposed facility not have to adhere to the zoning regulations like everyone else? Lastly, I would like my tax dollars spent on providing something to address a larger need for the area population. For example, the circa 1960's Millersville Elementary school with its air conditioning window units and temporary out buildings could be rehabbed or better yet, a new updated school build with tennis courts included. This proposition is too narrowly focused on a few tennis enthusiasts and I predict that the County and its residents will be left holding the financial bag when the tennis courts go belly up!
124	02/14/17	No one in this residential community wants this complex. There is already no good way in and out of the community. Find a better site with better access.

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125	02/15/17	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Tennis Center at Millersville Park. My primary reasons are already unbearable traffic on a rural road resulting from the over expansion of Waugh Chapel and surrounding area and wrong project for this community--- a county park is much desired and a much better fit. The residents of Millersville are hard pressed to cross the street on most days given the influx of traffic over the years. There is no evidence that the suggested project would improve property values which is already suppressed due to an underperforming High school (old Mill Senior High). I don't see how this project could have a positive impact a community that appreciates tranquility in a rural setting. There is no evidence that any outcomes from this project will directly contribute to Millersville schools, property values and quality of overall life. This project appears to be a financially high risk project for the residents of Anne Arundel county, especially considering the management team for the complex has no previous experience managing such a project. Furthermore, there is no evidence that the national tennis participation rates are applicable to the residents of Anne Arundel county or Millersville's resident given this is a rural area. A better alternative would appear to be to expand existing tennis facilities at local schools.
126	02/15/17	I am in opposition to this center because this is a RURAL zoned area as noted on the county map. Zoning is done for a reason. I also don't appreciate the fact that we weren't aware that this was planned. It will make traffic worse on Millersville Road.. Rarely do people go the speed limit on Millersville Road. We pay taxes to benefit everyone and this is definitely NOT going to benefit us in the neighborhoods surrounding this area.
127	02/16/17	I think this is a wonderful plan. Plus I think the support you will get for it from the tennis community will be amazing. I am always surprised how far we all travel to play tennis-typically between south river hs, arundel hs, YMCA, glen oban, sev park hs, the bowie facility and everyone I play with all agree we really need a tennis facility that we can call home. I/we are very hopeful this plan will come to fruition!!!
128	02/16/17	an indoor tennis facility in AA county would be great for all the citizens. Tennis is a wonderful sport for all ages and there are very few places to play inside.
129	02/16/17	As a new resident of Murray Hill and an avid tennis player transplant from California, these courts are a MUST for tennis players in our community. With limited access to the BSC, (I'm not an Authorized Patron) and other locations much further away, this facility would provide some relief for the high demand for year round tennis in Annapolis. I fully support this project and think it brings many benefits to our community of players. It's long over due, even though I'm new, I thought I would have many more options available to me. This will be EXCELLENT! I recommend it without any hesitation!
130	02/16/17	Fantastic! We are desperate for additional courts in Anne Arundel County. I travel to Howard to play regularly as they have great tennis complexes well used both indoor and outdoor for all ages. I've also coached high school tennis, and there are few feeder players because there are not enough opportunities for youth tennis here. I am passionate about tennis as a sport for all ages - tennis for life!!!
131	02/17/17	I am in total support of the much needed Millersville Park and Tennis Center!!! As a retired Physical Educator of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, providing a Tennis Center greatly promotes health and fitness in many avenues. Tennis is a lifetime sport that families can participate in and enjoy for decades. I URGE YOU to SUPPORT this facility!!!
132	02/17/17	I strongly support the tennis center at Millersville Park. The tennis community has faced declining public court availability over the past two decades, and private indoor courts have also been decreasing in number and availability. The tennis center is long overdue and will benefit the community, making it easier for more people to enjoy the game year-round. The location is a great choice because of its accessibility from all parts of the county, and the design plan does a nice job of maintaining a park-like setting. It will attract tennis players from all over and benefit the surrounding community. Thank you for devoting such careful attention to the plans and recognizing the county's need to provide more tennis courts for the community. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on these plans and hope that they will move forward quickly.
133	02/17/17	we really need this in our county!

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134	02/17/17	Though not a AA County resident (I live in North Calvert) I am a longtime member of AACTA and AA County USTA leagues. I will gladly support the facility as a patron for league and contract play, based on social and league opportunities available to me.
135	02/17/17	We are in desperate need of a tennis facility for our residents. Please proceed with the project.
136	02/17/17	I commute to work in AA and play on multiple AA tennis teams. This would be a great and much needed addition to tennis facilities in this area. Bravo to those that are putting this together.
137	02/17/17	I have been playing tennis in AA Co for 25 years and I have seen the availability of courts diminish. Big Vanilla and Severn Valley have cut back. BRIGADE requires an AP. I often have to go to PG Co to play indoors in the winter. And outdoor courts are a challenge for USA teams, instructors and just casual players. This new facility is deeply needed and I have no doubt it will be used to the fullest extent.
138	02/17/17	I support the facility.
139	02/17/17	Tennis is one of the few truly life-time sports and it is having a resurgence in many areas of the country because it is all around fitness for all levels of players-strength-building and cardio. The next generation of pro players have more Americans for the first time since the 1970-1980. This is a perfect sport to have in this area because it doesn't attract huge teams of players (max of 4 people per court) and it's a quiet sport- there is no boisterous cheering. AAC only has 1 indoor public court forcing many to go to PG county and spend out money there instead of in-county. It is also a sport that teaches children self discipline and self accountability. We support WTEF which takes east DC kids and gives them tutoring and teaching after school and their graduates go to colleges on scholarships! What an opportunity for disadvantaged AAC students this would be if we could have this tennis center to support such a program here. This center is needed for all age residents of AAC!
140	02/17/17	We absolutely need more indoor tennis courts! The "Y" is the only nearby facility to offer indoor tennis and they have only two courts! Thank you for voting in favor of this tennis center.
141	02/17/17	Much needed and will support. It's pretty embarrassing that the AAcounty players have to freeload in PG and other counties to play.
142	02/17/17	I fully support a new tennis facility in Millersville, MD
143	02/17/17	I love the idea of creating healthy activities that are accessible and affordable for all people. Being healthy through physical movement and social interaction are two keys to greater well-being; this positive energy can have a rippling effect throughout the greater community to benefit all.
144	02/17/17	I am thrilled this proposal is in the works. I hope it will be completed by next year. I'm so excited as there are no close indoor courts around.
145	02/17/17	Believe this is good investment for the health and well being of our county.
146	02/17/17	I attend Mass at Our Lady of the Fields on Sunday morning and usually the traffic isn't bad at all. The Wawa however is a nuthouse. I also lived right down the street from MES for 13 years so I feel for the hood. Maybe the Royal Farms will ease that mess. I support the tennis center but agree the access to it needs to be revised. Did anyone look at an entrance off the ramp from Rt. 3 to 97 South?
147	02/17/17	Anne Arundel County, As a Maryland taxpayer, I believe this park would be a great investment and beneficial to a good amount of active persons in our community. Health and quality of life are important for both adults and our families. Please help us with this effort.
148	02/17/17	I am a resident of Annapolis and would like to express my support for the proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center. I believe that it will be an asset for the community. I have two school aged children and finding courts to play on is often difficult in this county. I understand that the surrounding community has expressed some concern but I feel as though the Center would draw a respectful crowd.
149	02/17/17	Very much in support of tennis center. As a long time tennis player, have been aware of severe shortage of courts, especially since conversion of AACC courts to parking.

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150	02/17/17	This development will introduce significant traffick through a rural neighborhood, and negatively interfere with use of public areas in the neighborhood by its current residents. In effect, the county will be subsidizing repurposing of scarce green space for use by a special interest group external to the neighborhood.
151	02/17/17	I find it hard to believe Anne Arundel County is so flush with cash that it can subsidize a special recreation project for a small group of residents, the vast majority who are non-local. Perhaps the State of MD needs to review county budget allocations. Spend the money repairing the roads or upgrading schools. Millions on tennis?
152	02/17/17	Please support the proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center. There is only one public indoor court in all of Anne Arundel County!
153	02/17/17	AA County desperately needs this tennis facility. As an active member of AACTA and the USTA, I find it surprising and frustrating to have to venture to Howard and Montgomery County's public facilities in order to compete in any sectional or regional competitions. The tennis community in AA County is an active, growing, friendly community and it is limited mostly by the lack of courts (especially lighted and indoor courts).
154	02/17/17	Tennis is a sport that every member in my family of 5 enjoys as well as grandparents nearby. We travel quite a bit to be able to play year round. USTA is thriving in the area and most definitely these courts would be utilized! As compared to other counties, we significantly lack tennis facilities. This is a sport that people can enjoy into adulthood, it truly is a lifelong sport. It provides community gatherings, health and job opportunities. Our family fully supports this proposal!!
155	02/17/17	I am very much in favor of the construction of the new tennis center. I have played tennis in AA county for more than 25 years and a resident of this county for 40 years. I look forward to playing at the new facility.
156	02/17/17	In favor. Hope some pickle ball lines/courts are included.
157	02/17/17	We support construction of a new tennis center in Anne Arundel County. Tennis is a sport for life, from childhood thru senior citizen years, an enjoyable and social form of exercise, bringing diverse community members together thru healthy play and competition. A new public facility will make this sport accessible to all.
158	02/17/17	The tennis center would be a wonderful addition to Anne Arundel County recreation. Our family and tennis friends would use the facility often.
159	02/18/17	I am in favor for a public tennis facility in Millersville. This complex is way over due for our community.
160	02/18/17	We need more places to play tennis and for kids to learn how to play.
161	02/18/17	I'm looking forward to having a new tennis facility here in Anne Arundel County. Then maybe we won't have indoor matches that start at 9pm! Tennis is really a sport for a lifetime. So, a new tennis facility would really benefit the whole community.
162	02/18/17	Our family is very excited about the Millersville Tennis Center. It is extremely difficult to get indoor and outdoor court time in the area. The Center location will be easy to access. We had heard that the park might be used for soccer or other high volume sports. We are so glad that tennis is being considered since the lighting, traffic and sound is tremendously less with tennis than other sports so neighbors will not be as impacted as they would with other sports. The County desperately needs these courts so we can engage in this great family sport for all ages. We find that tennis players are a courteous group in general and respect others and their surroundings. Thank you for this much needed addition to our County!
163	02/18/17	The county needs recreational facilities and a new tennis center should be a priority of the administration
164	02/18/17	A tennis facility would be an excellent way to raise the image of the county and would be a great convenience for those of us who are tennis players. Due to the lack of public indoor courts, I currently play in PG County.
165	02/18/17	My family is very supportive of a new tennis facility that will provide a tennis resource for all levels and ages. A properly managed tennis facility will be self-sustaining while offering a wide range of programs appealing to a broad spectrum of residents. One only has to look at neighboring counties to see how they have been successful running their tennis facilities.

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166	02/18/17	Yes in favor for the tennis facility. Just read through all the objections that seem to have a common concern about traffic and the normal objections that would be expected from neighbors. Compared to the alternative options that could be built such as soccer or ball fields, the nature of tennis should be compelling. The maximum number of players and cars would be much less than other sports plus the age and maturity levels are also preferable. The tennis community is a wonderful group of diverse folks who participate in life supporting and life long activities. Yes to pickle ball too.
167	02/18/17	I am in full support of this facility. AACo is in despite need of tennis courts and this location is centrally located in the county.
168	02/18/17	I want to submit my support of the proposed indoor/outdoor tennis center. As a resident of Anne Arundel County since 1992, I have witnessed a growing need for more tennis courts open to the public while at the same time a decline in the number of courts that are available to the public. Having lived in numerous cities and states, I must express my surprise that Anne Arundel has fallen so far behind in the area of providing a tennis facility to accommodate men, women, and children who play tennis, or who would play more tennis if facilities were available. Anne Arundel County is the home of several strong tennis leaders, instructors, and tournament coordinators. With a dedicated indoor/outdoor tennis facility, Anne Arundel County would be able to offer the United States Tennis Association (USTA), Special Olympics and the Senior Olympics a venue for several tournaments. These events bring revenue into the community. In fact the proposed facility should add clay type tennis courts which would draw even more interest.
169	02/18/17	Please make this happen! Tennis community is reason we stay here. Facilities however are not now adequate.
170	02/18/17	I was a member of the Severn Valley Tennis facility from 1980 until it closed. I was there almost 6 days a week, either playing, tennis instruction or using the ball machine. I helped the owners keep the facility running by upgrading tennis nets, posts, electrical work, etc. After it closed members scattered to other facilities, but mostly to Bowie Sport Fit. I read the Executive Summary and most of the other pages, including the Market Analysis. URS did an outstanding survey. When weather permits we are at surrounding facilities, like Truxton, Naval Brigade, and the high schools - mostly at Annapolis HS. I have donated to the cause and would like to see the facility built. Some of the locals may not approve because of the traffic. There are no woods to clear, thus reducing the cost. Many tournaments would be played at the facility, and I believe the facility would be self sufficient. We can always have sales to raise funds. In closing, the proposed secretary, Peggy S., is not with us anymore. I miss her.
171	02/18/17	We are avid tennis players and have lived in AA county for 40 years. We 100 % support the building of the tennis center and look forward to its completion ASAP!!
172	02/18/17	There is a great need in AA county for more tennis courts.
173	02/18/17	This is desperately needed in the county. It will be used all the time. Right now those of us playing tennis struggle to find court availability. Tennis reaches all in our community from youth to senior citizens. I hope the powers at be really look at the positive impact that a facility like this can have on our community.
174	02/18/17	This is a wonderful plan and I absolutely support it. A tennis center is not only a great idea for local family fun but could also host events for out of town players.
175	02/18/17	As an AVID tennis player for the past 8 years, and the mother of 3 active boys, I say YES to this proposal!! On any given day and any time, many courts at Navy Brigade tennis center are full of players of ALL ages! From youngsters and teens to players in their 80's, people enjoy this life long sport. Unfortunately, Brigade and 1 court at the Y in Arnold are the only indoor options. School courts are fine but only in evenings/weekends when weather is good. How is it that all of the surrounding counties have such fabulous and numerous tennis centers? A park facility in this county is much needed and will be utilized. I am sure the feasibility studies have looked into all areas and found this to be the best site for this needed project. Thank you AA County for helping the TA make this happen!!
176	02/18/17	I strongly support the construction of a tennis facility. the county needs tennis courts very much.

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177	02/18/17	Facts: 1.Any courts available on school properties are unavailable to the public during school hours-after school hours, high school sports rightly have priority on the courts for practices and matches; 2.Tennis is a sport for life-I am 73 and have been playing since I was a teenager and hope to continue for many more years; 3.The recent issue of the British medical society journal cites tennis as the best sport to engage both sides of the brain as well as maintenance of physical fitness; 4.People moving to AACo look for recreational facilities-extensive tennis facilities are available in adjacent counties-the feasibility study shows AACo has 1 indoor court available to the public- if one has certain government credentials indoor play is possible at the Brigade Sports Center-this allows few players use of those courts-the indoor court availability is outrageous (1/555,000 residents); 5. The location chosen is minimally invasive to current local residents compared to the rest of the county's plan for massive development in the western part of the county while the southern part of the county remains totally rural; 6. The development of this center will be a totally positive addition to the lives of thousands of children and adults in our county!
178	02/18/17	The Y in Arnold has 2 tennis courts shared with lacross and basketball.Our group, 2 courts Wed AM Sept-May is not tennis friendly. Access is often barred with workout equipment. A "bootcamp" boxing activity stuns the airway with loud heavy beat noise. Complaints have not been effective. Help Alliance!!!
179	02/18/17	This facility will be used very much and will be able to sustain itself. It should be build as 10 indoor so it can handle two USTA 5 court matches at a time as well as 3 USTA doubles at a time with an extra for lessons. It will command a little higher fees than Navy and Bowie Sport fit, it's only competition. The name should be MTC not TCM, which in car lingo stands for Transmission Control Module. If you build it, they will come.
180	02/18/17	Please commit to building a tennis center for Anne Arundel County. There is such a lack of courts particularly indoor courts.
181	02/18/17	Anne Arundel County is in desperate need of indoor tennis facilities and accessible outdoor tennis courts with lights. Today, we have 1 indoor court. That is a dreadful statistic. Our kids who want to play year round have to go to Montgomery county or Baltimore county. That's hours in a car at rush hour. Let's make our county a better place to live while providing access for all to a life sport - Tennis. You can play at any age and any level. I am all in and encourage those in decision making roles to support this effort
182	02/18/17	I strongly endorse the proposed Millersville Park Tennis Center. Tennis is the sport of a lifetime. I am 74 years old and am still playing when weather permits. It would be wonderful to be able to do so all year round in an indoor facility here in Anne Arundel County. As you know, it is very important to everyone's health, especially seniors, to be able to exercise regularly. Please make year-long tennis in Anne Arundel County a priority.
183	02/18/17	I 100% support this project! The site/location is ideal. A great benefit to all people in Anne Arundel County, and the park like setting being proposed looks amazing.
184	02/18/17	Please support building a tennis facility for Anne Arundel County! We need courts especially indoor courts.
185	02/18/17	this would add significant value to the area and property values with such a great community center, focused on the lifetime sport of tennis. Some of the sureounding counties (ie Baltimore) are losing indoor courts at an alarming rate with more closures pending.
186	02/18/17	Anne Arundel County has a huge contingent of tennis players. And sadly there are no facilities to play. We have to use local schools, but only when not in session. It's sad, especially when all the jurisdictions around us have wonderful facilities that put us to shame. It makes us have to travel long distances in order to play on leagues that are very hard to accommodate here. As an avid tennis player, I respectfully ask that this much-needed facility be approved and built.
187	02/18/17	We NEED an indoor tennis center in Anne Arundel County for our growing tennis community!!
188	02/18/17	Please build a public tennis facility. We need courts especially indoor ones.

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189	02/18/17	I think the table below clearly states how far behind Anne Arundel County is from all of our surrounding counties. We need to travel to Prince George's County for court time. We need to replace all of the tennis courts that have been lost during the past years. This center would enhance Anne Arundel County and make it more desirable. Howard County 1 court per 17,916 residents Montgomery County 1 court per 21, 631 residents Prince George's County 1 court per 26,970 residents Baltimore County 1 court per 41,152 residents Anne Arundel County (includes Navy Brigade) 1 court per 79,291 residents Anne Arundel County (excludes Navy Brigade) 1 court per 555,000 residents
190	02/18/17	I strongly support the proposed tennis complex. When the public schools are in session--9 months of the year--public courts are scarce. For many of us, joining a private club is not an option.
191	02/18/17	I support and encourage the construction of the Tennis Center at Millersville Park. I live in Annapolis and would love to see a public indoor tennis center.
192	02/18/17	Please support the building of the Millersville Tennis Complex. Our county needs more recreation facilities that include tennis. The number of public courts have significantly declined in the past 20 years since I have lived in AACo. We have an active tennis community and we are getting more and more people involved to play this life long sport.
193	02/19/17	Hello my name is Jorge. As a firefighter paramedic I can attest on how physical and healthy one should be by maintaining a healthy life. I think as a tennis player it is imperative to have facilities such as Millersville Park and Tennis Center to help the community as a whole. So let's get healthier and play at Millersville
194	02/19/17	AA county desperately needs a tennis courts facility! Tennis is a wonderful life long sport. It is very inexpensive, anyone can play and a great healthy workout . I have been playing a few times a week for the past 15 years and although I live in Anne Arundel County I play mostly in PG County because of the lack of courts in AA county . When I play USTA for Anne Arundel County we play at high schools and there are no indoor bathroom facilities -The schools doors are locked on the weekends and in the evenings. We also cannot use the school courts during the school day. So players have no option other than going to the bathroom in the woods. When in USTA and we go to districts we are never never able to have a tournament in our own county due to a lack of having a tennis facility. Let's support another great sport for all ages and support building a tennis facility-this sport lasts a life time!
195	02/19/17	I support the building of the facility and would encourage the courts to be designed to accommodate both tennis and pickle ball.
196	02/19/17	Anne Arundel County is sadly lacking in indoor tennis facilities, especially as compared with surrounding counties. Tennis is a lifelong sport that encourages exercise and socializing among people from all difference groups. Being able to play all year round will promote this positive endeavor. I strongly endorse the creation of a center for tennis in Anne Arundel County.
197	02/19/17	As someone who plays tennis it would be very convenient to have a public indoor tennis court. I strongly believe that this would be a good investment
198	02/19/17	I am an avid tennis player and have been since I was a child. Unlike other local counties such as Montgomery and Prince George's, Anne Arundel has no indoor facilities. It sounds like a missed opportunity, both financially and from a community based standpoint. When playing in USTA league tennis, we had to go to Howard County for sectionals, roughly an hour drive from my home. It seems ludicrous that a county with such a strong tennis community has no adequate county tennis facilities. The only indoor courts are federal. I find it hard to believe that the only athletes the county supports are childrens' field sports. I used to pay for cardio tennis at least 2 times a week at Severn Valley Tennis until it too was converted into kids fields. With all of the soccer fields and ball fields available in the the County, it is way past time for a tennis facility.
199	02/19/17	IN FAVOR OF indoor TENNIS
200	02/19/17	I am in support of more public tennis courts to encourage youngsters to play and get great exercise at the same time.

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201	02/19/17	Please please approve this facility. I am a senior that plays tennis several times a week with my USTA team. We have to travel to other county facilities to play. There Is a huge tennis community and the proposed tennis facility can be home to kids, seniors, disability populations as well as keeping teenagers & young adults doing an a sporting activity instead of getting into trouble. We find the \$ for so many other things Anne ARundel co has waited too long for this. It can be maintained by charging membership fees & court reservations. Please please build this facility now!!!
202	02/19/17	We desperately need this public tennis facility providing both indoor and outdoor courts. There is so much passion for tennis in AA County with so few facilities. I have lived all over the United States, and am surprised by the lack of public courts both indoor and outdoor available in our county. These courts will provide opportunities for all ages, male and female, regardless of race - opportunity for all. I am excited about the possibilities!
203	02/19/17	Indoor courts for the winter months are the most important addition. Lighting for evenings is the second most attractive addition. I would play, several times a week at this facility.
204	02/19/17	I am in favor of the Millersville tennis park. Anne Arundel county should provide space for public indoor and outdoor tennis. All surrounding counties have facilities for their residents, Anne Arundel should as well. Tennis is a lifetime sport. Providing public access to tennis is providing access to healthy lifestyles for residents of all ages. I fully support this much needed project!
205	02/19/17	I support the Millersville Park & Tennis Center.
206	02/19/17	This is absolutely a huge boost for Anne Arundel County recreation and should definately be built for the good of the county and the many diverse communities that make up AAC.
207	02/19/17	We need more tennis courts, especially indoor courts here in the Anapolis area. Having recently moved here 6 months ago, I am quite surprised at the lack of courts for such a big area. I play USTA and at SportFit and the quality of tennis and the sheer numbers are quite impressive. The tennis community is huge and will support more outdoor and indoor facilities....just need to get the facilities up and running. Please make this happen for us tennis affecionadios....much appreciated!
208	02/19/17	My daughter plays tennis with special Olympics and it would be wonderful to have a nice facility to use with great lighting. To make her feel safe. To use a place to have ample space to practice. It looks like it would be lovely from the rendering.
209	02/19/17	Thank you for making the design and concept plan available for public comment. I am an avid tennis player, USTA League Coordinator and President for AACTA. I play, socialize and do volunteer work with hundreds of tennis players in Anne Arundel County. I like the location of the proposed tennis center. It is not only accessible to our county but to our neighboring counties as well. This is important especially for USTA leagues where players from many other counties come to AA County to play tennis. We are very much in need of indoor and outdoor lighted courts for USTA and AACTA leagues, tournaments, ladders and socials. We currently play most of our leagues in the warmer months outside and limit our indoor leagues due to facility availability. We also have hundreds of players who pay to play USTA leagues at Bowie SportFit (PG County) in the months of November - March. With the new tennis center in Millersville, we could offer so much more in our own county. Last, the park like setting is attractive. It fits with our county priority to make improve overall quality of life and health.
210	02/19/17	We desperately need this facility!!
211	02/19/17	In favor of tennis facility!!!!
212	02/19/17	I think this is a great idea. Good tennis facilities are very hard to find and I support this facility.
213	02/20/17	I am strongly in support of the tennis center. I have been playing tennis for the past 25 years and I have seen a continuous shrinkage of indoor courts in the area and have considered relocation out of the state in order to be able to play tennis year round. In the 25 years that I have been playing I have seen nothing but a hug increase in the amount of players in the area drastically increase. I strongly support the tennis center for our area.

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214	02/20/17	My family and I have often been shut out of playing tennis due to the lack of courts. This past weekend, I had to play with my daughter on a basketball court because all tennis courts were occupied at the limited number of courts in AA County. Please build more tennis courts.
215	02/20/17	We are so excited at the prospect of getting a new indoor/outdoor facility in Anne Arundel County. The need is there! We have a huge tennis community but not many courts.
216	02/20/17	I am very much in SUPPORT of the new tennis facility. Tennis is a healthy, positive sport that can be played by people of all ages. The tennis community is quite large in this County and could grow to be even larger with a facility like this. I am 100% behind this!
217	02/20/17	I support the proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center. Anne Arundel County is in desperate need of an indoor tennis court facility to serve the large number of tennis players in the county. Severn Valley Tennis Club no longer exists. The Naval Academy has courts, but not anyone can join plus the location is difficult to get to. Other counties have nice tennis facilities, Anne Arundel County has none. The location is ideal. It will not cause traffic problems, other facilities don't have traffic problems. I support the new facility 100%.
218	02/20/17	I urge adoption of the tennis center project plan. Our county is woefully under-resourced when it comes to the availability of public tennis courts, particularly indoor courts; and many outdoor courts are not properly maintained. The tennis center is a much-needed asset for the community and would be very welcome as a gathering place for current and prospective participants in this lifelong sport.
219	02/20/17	Dear Anne Arundel County, I fully support the tennis center proposed at Millersville Park. It is a fantastic location and much needed in AAC for tennis players or all ages and levels, youth and adults. The design is ideal and will be attractive and well used! I also want to take this opportunity to thank the county for the opportunity to comment during this stage of the design.
220	02/20/17	Please build this facility, we definitely need it.
221	02/20/17	I am a 30 year member of the USTA. I agree with the need for a professional Tennis Center in AA County.
222	02/20/17	I support development of the Millersville Tennis Center.
223	02/20/17	I fully support this new tennis facility. We need more of these in the county.
224	02/20/17	I am in favor of building the tennis facility. I would also ask that the plan include a few indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts or at least include the court lines for Pickleball to be incorporated into some tennis courts.
225	02/20/17	YES!
226	02/20/17	I strongly support the development of a public, indoor tennis facility for the benefit of AA County residents. I have been dismayed at the loss of such courts over the past 10 years, and am extremely pleased to see that the County is finally striving to improve this situation. I firmly believe that such a facility can promote improved mental, social, & physical health for the entire community.
227	02/20/17	I support the Tennis Center proposal being put forth for Millersville Park.
228	02/20/17	I am 100% in support of this proposal. Our county is in dire need of more tennis courts (indoor and outdoor.)
229	02/20/17	The area is in need of this type of facility. Tennis is a great game to keep you active through out your life!
230	02/20/17	Much needed tennis facility - AA has outgrown what we have. Hope to see it become a reality. I will surely use it alot...
231	02/20/17	I am a regular tennis player and would like to voice my strong support for this proposal. Tennis is a life sport for people of all ages. I am 61 and my adult son, who is 23, plays with me regularly. I also play regularly with many of my tennis friends on county courts.

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232	02/20/17	I am in 100% in favor of the new tennis facility! Our county is in desperate need of public indoor and outdoor courts. There are many avid tennis players in this county, and we are forced to scramble to find decent courts, as most of the high school courts are in bad shape and not lit. During the winter it's even worse, as the few indoor courts are at private clubs. Some people think tennis is not popular, but if you look at the numbers of people signing up for leagues in our county you will see otherwise. Also, our juniors are at a severe disadvantage compared to other counties who have way more indoor facilities, as those kid can train all year. I understand the concerns of the neighbors, but hopefully there will a lot of thought put into ways to mitigate traffic and other impacts on the community.
233	02/20/17	I fully support an indoor tennis facility for Anne Arundel County. Public indoor tennis courts are sadly lacking in our county. And the location is very central to the majority of AAcco residents. From the drawings there appears to be very few adjacent residents who will. E affected by this much needed facility which will benefit hundreds/thousands of tennis enthusiasts.
234	02/20/17	I am so glad to see this project move forward. I have lived in AA county for over 50 years although I only started playing tennis 5 years ago. Tennis is a life sport available to the young and old (many play into their seventies), individuals with special needs and played by all regardless of race or ethnicity. AA county is a great place to live. AA county needs this facility to stem the migration of many retirees like myself to other locations outside the county where tennis is readily available.
235	02/20/17	Facilities are much needed in this county.
236	02/20/17	We have desperately needed tennis courts in AA county, especially indoor courts, for public access. This location is wonderful. It is in rather the central part of the most populated part of the county (Rt 214 on the south side and Brooklyn Park on the north side) with terrific access to major highways for commutability. In season, if one is not a member of a private facility and not playing on a USTA team, it can be very hard to find any court to play on. Out of season, there are too few courts to play on that are indoors unless you are in the military or join a private facility--even then the courts are in use so much it is hard to get one at peak times. Hence, a group of friends and I play outside even when the temperature is at 32 degrees (gloves, coats and all), due to a lack of other options. I looked at the plan and it appears to have a terrific layout for the courts and the projected revenues appear to be very doable to me. I cannot imagine these courts will not be well used and allow more people to learn/play tennis. It is good wholesome fun to be strongly encouraged for youth and adults and senior citizens alike. Please expedite this project, we desperately need this kind of facility, it is long long overdue.
237	02/20/17	This is wonderful. Tennis is a lifetime sport that all ages can play and see a lot of value in keeping the young and old active equating to a healthier lifestyle.
238	02/20/17	We desperately need tennis courts in AA County and I look forward to the completion of this site!
239	02/20/17	I urge our county to go forward with the proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center. As a Mom of a son who played many contact sports, I believe the future of youth sports will work to eliminate contact i.e.. concussions! Tennis is a sport for life and can be played by everyone throughout their lifetime. This type of sport should be supported and made possible through our tax dollars. It is also proven to extend the life of the elderly through social contact and regular exercise. A winner for all ages!
240	02/20/17	LOVE THE PLAN! This will be a much-needed facility for the community.
241	02/20/17	I am strongly in favor of the proposed tennis center in Millersville Park. Those courts will get a lot of use.

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242	02/20/17	Many thanks to the county for being forward-thinking and planning such a wonderful facility that the entire county (and region!) will benefit from. This is a great plan, a great facility and a great way to increase the quality of life for county residents! Tennis is a lifelong sport with a huge community in Anne Arundel County. Many of the players have to go to other counties to play and take lessons - taking money out of the area. This Millersville plan is a great facility that will bring money and players of all levels to the area. I am an avid tennis player and regularly travel 45min - 1 hr to get to indoor tennis facilities since Anne Arundel has so few any indoor courts. I am disappointed that many of the comments on here are from uninformed - locals who obviously are not engaged with the local government. They should join in and be active in their communities - living passively is no fun! You should visit a county council meeting or read local meeting minutes. Get engaged in your community!!! I am an Anne Arundel resident and proud active member in the community. I am happy to have the county investing in our future, our athletic facilities and our children. Please continue with the Millersville tennis facility and shape our future athletes in huge ways! The children and tennis community thank you!
243	02/20/17	I am in favor of the new tennis facility in Millersville Park.
244	02/20/17	I support the prospect of a tennis facility in Anne Arundel County that compares to larger facilities that other Maryland counties already have. I would love to see the future impact it may have on the youth of the community and the push for a healthy Anne Arundel County!
245	02/21/17	Tennis is my sport of choice, although I'm a latecomer. As you know, the number of courts in the County is extremely limited, and a number are permitted for USTA in season. We cannot use school courts when school is in session which further reduces our chance of getting a court. For those reasons, I am a strong advocate of the proposed tennis facility at Millersville Park. I'm impressed at the work of the Tennis Alliance in making this a reality, and appreciate the partnership with the Rec Department. Thanks for accepting input from residents.
246	02/21/17	I wholeheartedly support this project. We are definitely in need of more tennis courts in Anne Arundel County.
247	02/21/17	Wonderful! This will be a huge asset to our community and our tennis community. Tennis is truly a life-long sport and I've been teaching it to my children (4 and 7). Looking forward to having these great facilities make tennis more available year-round.
248	02/21/17	The AACo tennis community is seriously underserved in terms of the facilities available to support those already in this life-long sport. Plus, tennis has the ability to attract and help those of all ages and abilities who want to add more fitness and fun into their lives. Quality of life is one of the beautiful things that AACo offers all residents... and tennis is part of that, and should be more accessible to all, which is only possible with more tennis courts period... and more affordable options as well.
249	02/21/17	I moved here from PG county in approximately 2005. I was very much surprised that there were no public indoor tennis facilities. The only indoor facilities were clubs that you had to join for a membership fee and then pay for court time. In PG county all county residents have access to the courts...paying only for court time used. Non-county residents could book court time but at a higher rate. I would much rather pay to play than have to pay for membership....and pay to play. Not to mention the opportunities it would give the youth of this country that can't afford club membership fees plus court time fees. It seems like a wise investment for the county to invest in promoting the health of both our young and old....as tennis is a game for all ages and all skill levels. And on a more personal selfish level...I love tennis and would love to put my money toward supporting the county tennis as opposed to club tennis.
250	02/21/17	I submitted comments in favor of the new proposed tennis facility, but do not see them listed. This is a good investment into lives of young and old in our community.
251	02/22/17	So excited to play tennis in my own county instead of driving to Howard or Baltimore county. It's about time. AA county can now join the thousands of MD tennis players who get to play year round! And to think I won't have to use the "facilities " in the woods!!!!
252	02/22/17	I would like to add my voice to the positive movement of the tennis alliance and all their hard work. Our county is DEAD LAST when it comes to public tennis and it is time for a change. The location and layout shown is exceptional and should be approved. Our youth through our elderly will benefit from such a facility and it will be big step forward for our county.

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253	02/22/17	This is a great idea and a worth use of our tax dollars. Anne Arundel County definitely needs an indoor tennis facility and dedicated outdoor courts. I sincerely hope that this project comes to fruition.
254	02/22/17	I live near the proposed tennis facility. I think it would be a great addition to the community.
255	02/22/17	Please support and build the proposed tennis center. Like many players in the county, I believe there is a dearth of decent courts in our county. I chaired the Annapolis Neck Small Area Plan Committee, and recall that the general citizenry also felt strongly about the shortage of recreational facilities in our County and on the Neck. As an example, the courts at Peninsula Park are a tragedy and an embarrassment. The local high school courts were all constructed without regard to practicality or how they would be used and are generally poorly laid out and designed. And there are no quality indoor courts available to the general public. Tennis is a sport that can be and is a lifelong enjoyment. This proposed center is LONG overdue.
256	02/22/17	we need more tennis courts for our kids in the area the truxton is the only public court in the area and is now being dominated by pickle ball only one court is not enough
257	02/22/17	the Tennis Center at Millersville Park is a terrific idea and will help to improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County.
258	02/22/17	I strongly support the proposed Millersville tennis center complex! We have seen a steady decline in access to both public and private tennis courts here in Anne Arundel County in recent years. The proposed public/private partnership seems to be a logical approach to circumventing the economic pressures that have caused the decline in facilities. The Millersville site also seems a good choice as it is easily accessible from various major roadways. As a Crofton resident, I would be a regular at the new park! Let's make it happen!!
259	02/22/17	Would love to see the tennis complex! Would also love to see pickle ball courts included!!!
260	02/22/17	Love it, much needed, will support it
261	02/23/17	I am very excited about the Millersville Park and Tennis Center being built in Millersville! I am an active tennis player living in Millersville and currently have to drive to P.G.County Sport Fit to play indoor tennis. Thanks so much for building this much needed Tennis Center in Anne Arundel County.
262	02/23/17	I verystrongly support the proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center. I currently play at two other indoor courts and time is so limited we are often unable to book a court. Tennis is a sport for all ages and would be a very attractive feature for the community. I would gladly pay for additional courts.
263	02/23/17	As a long time tennis player/enthusiast, I am very much in favor of a public facility for tennis. Over the years, tennis in Anne Arundel County diminished considerably, especially indoor tennis. Courts at AACC disappeared, and courts at some elementary schools disappeared. The courts at county parks are often in poor condition. Country club tennis, i.e. Chartwell County Club, is unaffordable for many county players. I am very hopeful that this facility will be built.
264	02/23/17	Access to public tennis courts is almost nonexistent in the Millersville area. Learning, teaching and playing a lifelong sport like tennis is excellent for your health, both mental and physical. Please fulfill the proposal and add these tennis courts to Millersville park.
265	02/23/17	I'm thrilled to see the plans for this park and tennis center. Anne Arundel County absolutely lacks tennis courts. This county absolutely lacks tennis courts and I often go to Watkins Mill in PG County to play. I would love to be able to play in AA County more.
266	02/24/17	A tennis facility is much needed, as originally tennis clubs have taken away most of their courts for exercise equipment, a bigger money maker. Indoor courts are in short supply. Please go ahead with this project.
267	02/24/17	It happens that there are 46 indoor courts in Montgomery County and AA County, with the taking away of many indoor courts, has only one true tennis court. There is demand and need for more courts for the present and future generations. Please help see that this happens.

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268	02/24/17	It would be great to have tennis tournaments in AA county instead of everyone having to travel to other states and counties. Also, can we get more lighted courts at the high schools? We have limited night time playing options. Lake Waterford has lights on the courts but the park is closed at night. Can we move those lights to a school?
269	02/24/17	New tennis and Pickleball courts at this site would become Some of the most used facilities in the area. After just returning from Florida it is evident that all ages can use and play these games in their future. Please consider these facilities as important as our residents do!
270	02/24/17	I fully support the much needed Tennis Center at Millersville Park. There is a real need for public tennis courts in the county and having a beautiful park would be an asset to the county.
271	02/24/17	This is a great idea and potentially great asset to AA County.
272	02/24/17	The county needs a facility like this and I fully support and vote that this tennis center be constructed.
273	02/24/17	We definitely need a BACKBOARD please. Otherwise a lovely design.
274	02/24/17	One of the reasons that I chose to move here from Fairfax was because of the vibrant tennis community promised at Millersville. I understood that Peggy Sanji was a strong and tenacious advocate for that facility . Her energy and wise voice must not be left to falter by those of us who are able to bring this put this plan on our shoulders and carry it into creation. My suggestion for the many youth who will inevitably benefit is to construct one or more practice walls, backboards that allow beginners to work economically on building their game. People without partners can also exercise with the backboard.
275	02/25/17	Want to express my EXCITEMENT about the possibility of another indoor tennis facility in the county. Millersville is a great location because of its central location and the accessibility from 97. Thousands of players travel to Bowie and Navy Brigade from all over the county to play tennis in the winter months. Another indoor facility is much needed. Providing these courts for county residents promotes year-round opportunities for exercise for a lifelong sport. PLEASE build this tennis Center!
276	02/25/17	I approve and agree to the Millersville Park and Tennis Center. This is would be a huge asset to the community.
277	02/25/17	The new proposed tennis center in Millersville Park would be a wonderful addition for the growing tennis community. There is an extremely limited amount of indoor court space available. Indoor spaces are being overrun by other team sports closing opportunities for the tennis community. There are also limited outdoor facilities that can be used during school hours for members of Anne Arundel County. It can be very difficult to find court time with the demands of USTA, high schools and other organizations opting for courts. It is a central location to the county making it more accessible for all.
278	02/25/17	YES, YES, YES!! For all the reasons listed. We are so underserved in tennis in AAC.
279	02/25/17	I believe that this tennis facility is needed and will be very well received. Tennis can be more available to residents who do not belong to private clubs. My son played tennis for many years at St Andrews Swim and Tennis club, and there has been a tremendous amount of interest in their junior program. So much so that a majority of the children do not get to compete. I feel it is safe to say that if a large public facility is built locally, usage and interest will be such that it will be profitable to the county immediately.
280	02/25/17	Yes.... A tennis center in Millersville would be a wonderful addition for Anne Arundel County!!
281	02/25/17	Since there are so few public courts available (and almost none that are maintained properly), this facility is long overdue. Most of the public courts are attached to public schools and cannot be used during school hours, and the number of private facilities available is shrinking.
282	02/25/17	I wish to encourage the tennis facility as there are None in AA County and that is very sad. Tennis is such a healthy sport for all ages and public indoor courts are a must.
283	02/25/17	I support this facility. I would prefer the location be more south...closer to Annapolis metro area.

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284	02/25/17	I strongly support the funding for additional indoor courts in Anne Arundel county. With so many indoor facilities closing in surrounding counties, the current indoor facilities have become over-crowded. And tennis is a sport you can play your entire life! I've read the comments against it - traffic, rural area, schools, etc. Is it possible to look at another area for zoning and development - also in N. AA County?
285	02/25/17	Anne Arundelcooling needs a tennis center ... I'm sick of going to pg county to play. Our children and adults benefit from exercise, great place to exercise all year round especially in the winter. Would those opposing this like a mall or another community instead???
286	02/25/17	Yes, I would love to have an indoor tennis facility. I would definitely play here.
287	02/25/17	I am one hundred percent behind the proposed tennis facility project. Tennis is growing by leaps and bounds in this area and an indoor facility would be an asset to the residents of Anne Arundel County.
288	02/26/17	I greatly support the idea of this badly needed facility. AA County has one of the strongest tennis playing communities in the mid Atlantic region and we never have enough places to play. We are one of the only counties without any public facilities. From some of the comments I gather that there may need to be some road improvements made to accommodate the traffic related to the new facility. If so they should be planned for, not the Center eliminated.
289	02/26/17	We strongly support the proposed tennis center. There is a great need for the facility in our community.
290	02/26/17	As the president of the the Annapolis Area Tennis School (AATS), a 501-3c non-profit organization, we strongly support the construction of a new tennis center in Millersville. AATS is a contract provider to AACRP for tennis instruction on outdoor courts from April - October. AATS serves approximately 500 players a year. AATS is looking forward to using the new facility, especially in the winter. Due to the bad weather, AATS does not offer outdoor tennis classes in the winter. With an indoor facility available, AATS will be able to strengthen its program by carrying over players from the previous season. Nowadays, we have to start over in the spring and rebuild our clientele every year.
291	02/26/17	As a long standing resident of Anne Arundel County and active participant in varied recreational activities, I would like to express my enthusiasm regarding the news of the future establishment of the Tennis Center at Millersville Park. The planning of this much needed facility obviously required intensive study with many factors of impact, need, and location accessibility to be considered. The concept of placement in a park like setting, surrounded by a walking trail, tastefully landscaped to address and buffer traffic noise, as well as providing a measure of privacy for adjacent community landowners is a project with virtually no downside. Tennis, unlike so many other forms of recreation, is a sport for life. The Tennis Center at Millersville Park, strategically located near the center of the county will provide access for all residents and finally, with the construction of 8 indoor courts, make the activity a year-round pursuit in our county. I greatly appreciate the manner in which Mr. Anthony of the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Tennis Alliance have presented this to the public and actively sought the opinion of all those concerned. I eagerly await the groundbreaking and expeditious completion of the Tennis Center at Millersville Park.
292	02/26/17	What a wonderful centrally located facility to promote and provide a life long sport for AA residents.
293	02/27/17	We need a new public place to play tennis. Tired of paying 70 dollars at the Brigade just to play in the winter.
294	02/27/17	My children attend schools in Annapolis and are active in various sports in the area. My daughter, specifically, is very engaged in the sport of tennis. This would be an a wonderful opportunity for practice and games for the SMHS tennis teams. Thank you for engaging the community with input.
295	02/27/17	The county has been taking away tennis courts for years, but tennis is one of the fastest growing sports in America. Montgomery County and other counties have great facilities, so we need one too. I guarantee that these courts will be used extensively and that the USTA will have leagues that run in them. High schools in the area will also benefit from these courts and we could hold county and regional tournaments in them.
296	02/27/17	The county leagues need more courts to accomodate all of the leagues. Some leagues are scheduled at 9pm. Please support this initiative and build more county courts.

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297	02/27/17	Way too much traffic in this area already. This is a residential area, stop with the commercial businesses! We also have a eating disorder building right across the street. Sometimes we have to wait 3 light changes to get across Rt. 3!!! Church around the corner lets out on weekend and traffic is backed up all the way down Millersville Road!
298	02/27/17	I am a homeowner and member of the Overlea Farms HOA. The location for the tennis facility in Millersville off of Millersville Road is a bad idea. Having such a facility in such close proximity to Millersville Elementary school will further add to the congestion and delay of traffic that we experience from school buses on school days. Anticipating that the weekend would be a fairly busy time for such a facility, the traffic that we now experience from churches having services in the area on Saturday and Sunday will be incredibly more difficult for the community. Back-ups on Saturday between 4:30 and 5:00 pm on Millersville heading west onto Rt 175 are incredible now. Having more travelers driving into our community will only devastatingly add to this. This is not the right location for such a facility.
299	02/27/17	Rec & Park did not ask the community if it wanted a park of any type at this location prior to purchasing the property This is important as the proposed park property looms over the living space of many neighbors Our property will be negatively affected by the lights, noise and traffic. The neighbors adjacent to the park property will have the character of their properties harmed by the proposed private tennis facility. I do not believe Rec and Park should be providing land that has been paid for by county taxes to a private group to run a private tennis club. I do not understand that any aspect of the private club will be made available free to the public for use. There are many under utilized tennis courts all around the county and I cannot understand why private land owners should have their property values reduced for the sake of a small group of people. There are Tennis teams at every high school in the county for the students and these courts are available to the public when school is not in session. If this privileged small group wants indoor courts, let them purchase their own property and build their facility. Do not let them do it on the back of the county tax payers and to the detriment of the people in the neighborhood.
300	02/27/17	My husband and I, as well as many in our community, are against the construction of a Tennis Park and Center behind our homes on Millersville Road. We have a variety of deep concerns including increased traffic on Millersville Road, seemingly illegal construction of such a facility on Residential Low Density (RLD) property, environmental concerns especially the impact on the local water table, economic feasibility/sustainability of the tennis facility, tax burden to the county residents versus benefit - the list goes on and on. We also feel this has been "flown under the radar". Residents should have been approached from the get-go to discuss what would be the best neighbor. We will not sit idly by while you steamroll this through.
301	02/27/17	I am a former employee of Anne Arundel County and a frequent visitor to the area. I am in favor of the proposed tennis center in Millersville.

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302	02/28/17	I am a neighbor of the proposed tennis center, and I like the idea of a county tennis center. The ability of the Tennis Alliance to fund construction and to manage the completed center makes this an especially cost-effective option for county recreation. That said, I oppose placing the tennis center on the proposed site. It seems patently unfair to the adjacent neighbors to construct a facility of this magnitude in a neighborhood with Rural Low Density zoning. I understand that Parks and Recreation is not bound by the zoning, so that building the facility here would be legal. But, a commercial facility with similar impacts (large parking lot, very large building, extensive night lighting, traffic, crowd noise, etc.) would not be allowed in this neighborhood, and this facility shouldn't be built on the site either. It will really impact the quality of life and property values of the adjacent neighbors, who had every right to expect when they bought their properties that the county would preserve the rural nature of their neighborhood that is consistent with its zoning. I am not an adjacent neighbor--I live about a half mile from the site. I am most concerned about the negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods, including noise, bright lights at night, and traffic. I attended the Jan 12 public meeting at Millersville Elementary. All of my concerns were acknowledged in that meeting, but the information about them was very limited. In the next round of information that is presented to the public (and BEFORE the placement of the project on this site is a done deal), I want to see a much more thorough analysis of current traffic conditions on Millersville Road and its intersection with MD Route 3, focusing on traffic volume at the times when traffic is worst. That analysis should be accompanied by much more thorough estimates of how much additional traffic would be generated by the tennis center and when that traffic would occur, especially relative to times when traffic is currently bad. The analysis should also clearly describe any changes (road widening, new traffic lights, changes in traffic light timing, etc.) that would be needed. Thorough analyses should also be done to quantify the time and extent of noise and light impact of the tennis center on its next door neighbors and on the broader neighborhood. Results of these analyses should be shared with the public well before the next scheduled public meeting (NOT on the day of the meeting itself). Finally, I'd like the county to share more information on other options for the site. What was the original intent when the county purchased the site in 2008? If the tennis center is not built, what other uses are under consideration for the site?
303	02/28/17	I would love to see a public tennis facility in this county. It is very difficult to get indoor courts. At Navy, which is basically the only indoor facility in the county, you need a sponsor. There are minimal public lighted courts in order to play in the evening. At most of the public courts there are no bathrooms. I am excited about this proposal
304	02/28/17	The proposed Millersville Park and Tennis Center will be a very much needed addition to the County Park facilities. Availability of courts in general is limited. Availability of in-door facilities is even more urgently needed. Lets build this as soon as feasible!

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305	02/28/17	<p>The proposed Millersville Tennis Park is truly one of the County's Best Kept Secrets! The Tennis Alliance has been privy to this information since before June 2015 and yet the residents impacted by this development have been in the dark until December 2016 - and that's only if you happened to know someone who knew about it! Why keep it secret if this is a good thing? I heartily agree with the detailed comments posted in number 78 and ask that you closely review them. In addition, I have several concerns: 1. While the Tennis group made a compelling presentation about the need for courts at the January meeting, how do we know their numbers are correct? The indoor facilities in the area have closed due to lack of interest and/or profitability. We already have many outdoor courts (which the County is paying to maintain) yet they receive minimal use. Is there truly a need for this facility? A need for one this large? Has the county done their own assessment? 2. The County does not seem to value tennis facilities as they are not maintaining the outdoor courts we have now. (Perhaps this is why people are not using them to capacity?) However, tax payers have already paid for this asset. Why not take care of them and allow them to be used to its full potential? If the County cannot maintain what we have now, how are we certain they will ensure this multimillion facility will be maintained properly? 3. At the January presentation at Millersville Elementary, it seems as if the County is so thrilled to have a partner to contribute money to a project, they are allowing the Tennis Alliance to make most of the decisions. The Alliance seems to be determining the hours, availability of free courts, when information will be shared with the neighborhood, etc. Those living in the area need to have a voice in the project as it is being developed and not be told what is coming (which is the impression now). The County needs to step up and lead this project and include all those involved and affected. 4. Traffic issues – please come to our area and observe traffic at multiple times of the day and weekend. Others have eloquently described the challenges so please read them thoughtfully. Also be sure to examine the Jehovah Witness traffic on Saturday, which causes gridlock in the afternoon with close to a mile backup due to the volume of their members. 5. Due to the increase in traffic in the area, there have already been several deaths at Route 97 South and Route 3. Now, the Royal Farms project is coming and will add more confusion and traffic. Add in Tennis Traffic for a Regional Tournament, where people unfamiliar with the area arrive, and more deaths are certain. 6. This development is a commercial project regardless of how it is being presented. With all the structures, large paved areas, 150 parking spots, outdoor lights, paths, charging to use the facility, bathrooms, regional tournaments, etc., this is a commercial development trying to use a zoning loop hole to build in our rural area. We are an old small rural community on 2 lane roads sharing wells and septic. A commercial property does not belong in this environment. Thank you for allowing us to comment. I sincerely hope you thoughtfully consider the local residents input versus marking off a required a box on your checklist as you march onto project development.</p>

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