

White House Grounds - Tennis Pavilion

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC

Approval of Final Site and Building Plans

United States Department of the Interior

Project Summary

Commission Meeting Date: July 11, 2019

NCPC Review Authority: 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

Applicant Request: Approval of Final Site and Building Plans

Session: Consent Calendar

NCPC Review Officer: Hart

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Project Summary:

The National Park Service has submitted plans to replace a building that currently houses restrooms and a storage space on the White House Grounds just southwest of the White House itself. This new structure, to be called the Tennis Pavilion, will not only update the older restroom facilities it will also provide a connection between the tennis courts and the Children's Garden which is west of the tennis courts currently. The Children's Garden was introduced into the White House Grounds by Lady Bird Johnson in 1969 and is a secluded area that has many president's grandchildren handprints. There is also the Kitchen Garden, started by Michelle Obama several years ago, which is located nearby.

The NPS notes that the proposed Tennis Pavilion will be approximately 1200 square feet in area and approximately 18 feet in height. This new structure will be located west of the existing tennis/basketball court.

Site Location



Location Map

Site Location on White House Grounds



White House Grounds Diagram

NPS Maintenance Building: _____

Currently in place on the lower South Grounds is a building utilized by the National Park Service in their role as maintainers of the ornamental landscape.

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The Children's Garden: _____

Created by Lady Bird Johnson in 1969, it houses a secluded and singular garden area featuring the handprints of presidential grandchildren.

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Tennis/Basketball Court & Outbuilding: _____

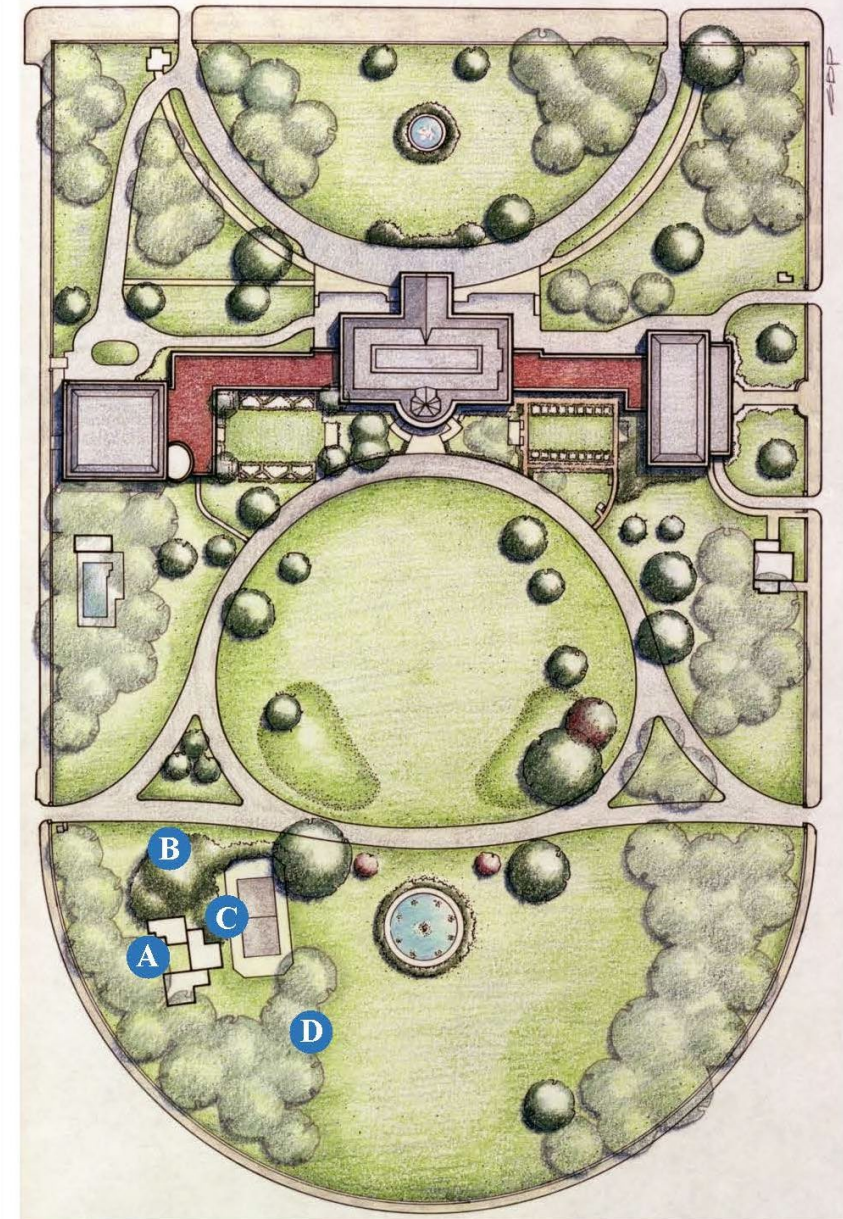
Since the early twentieth century, the White House tennis and basketball court has traditionally offered a place of recreation and activity within the busy framework of the lives of first families. Adjacent to the court stand a restroom/storage outbuilding.

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The Kitchen Garden: _____

The Kitchen Garden was installed by Michelle Obama to signify the importance of healthy eating and showcase the best of America's horticultural heritage. The tradition continues today with the encouragement of First Lady Melania Trump.

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Existing Landscape Components – Maintenance

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Existing Landscape Components – Children’s Garden



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Existing Landscape Components – Kitchen Garden

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Existing Landscape Components - Outbuilding



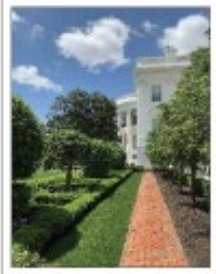
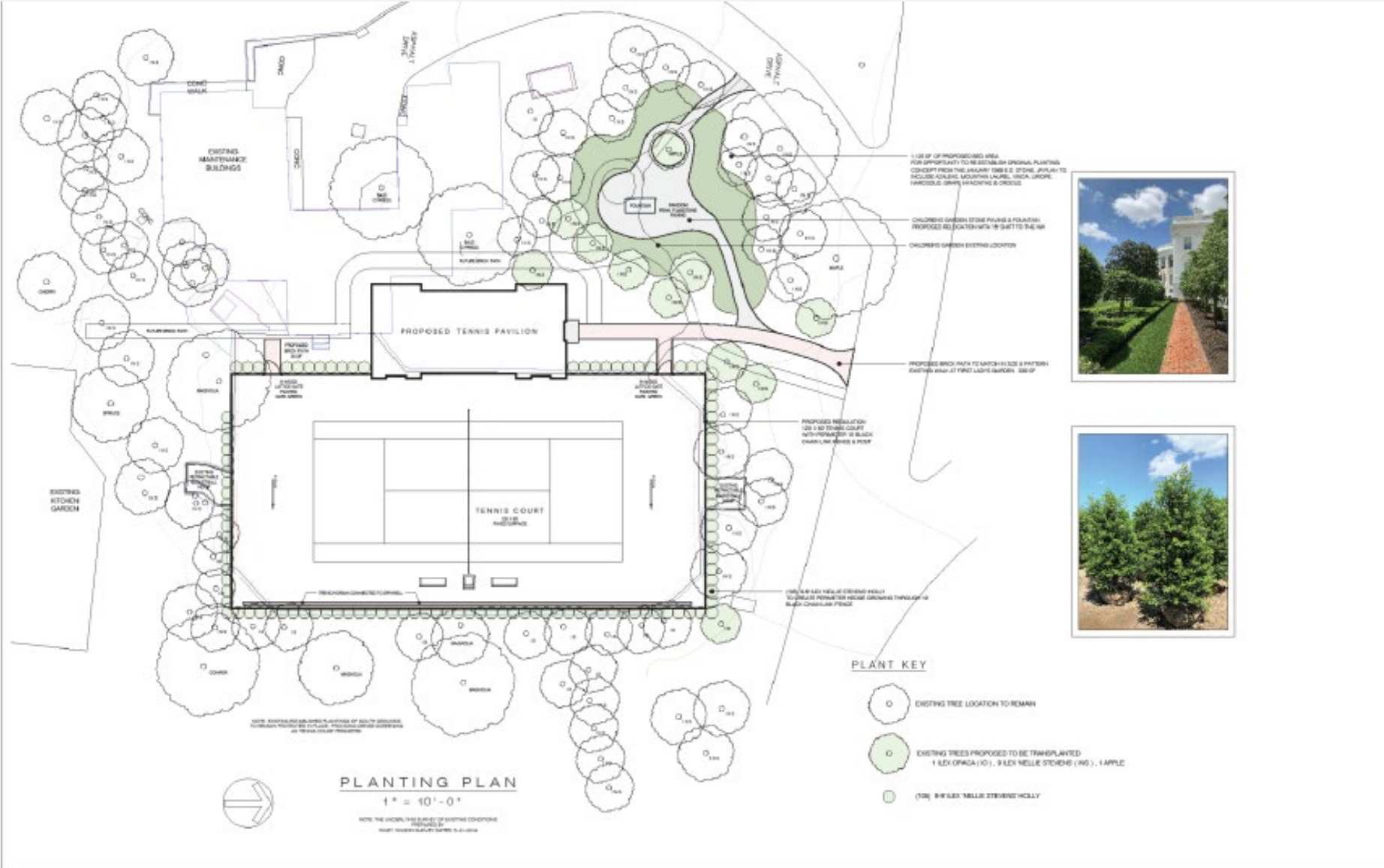
Tennis/Basketball Court & Outbuilding
(Additional photography of the court and outbuilding)



Existing Conditions

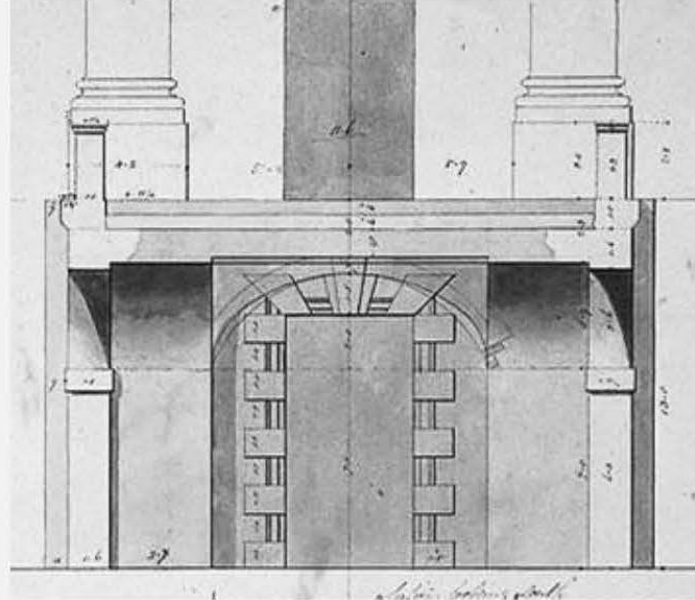


Proposed Final Site Plan



Design Inspiration

The proposal to construct two new structures on the South Grounds is based on the necessity to modernize and elevate the current buildings. The proposed designs are specifically informed by the existing architecture of the White House, including the East and West Colonnades, fan windows, columns, stonework, and cornices. Architectural inspiration is drawn from the symbolic images of the White House that are so recognizable to the American public.

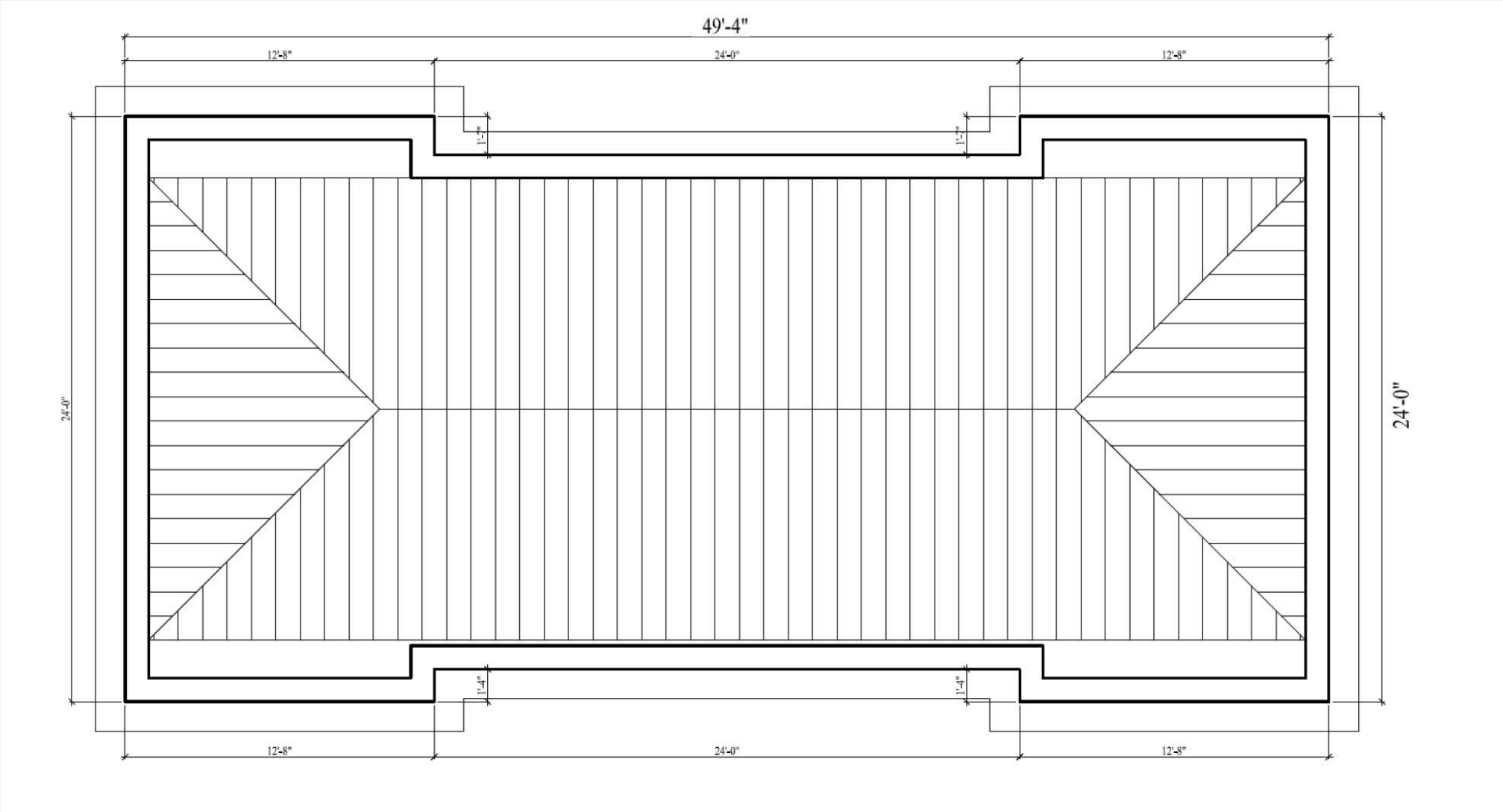


Design Proposal – Tennis Pavilion Rendering

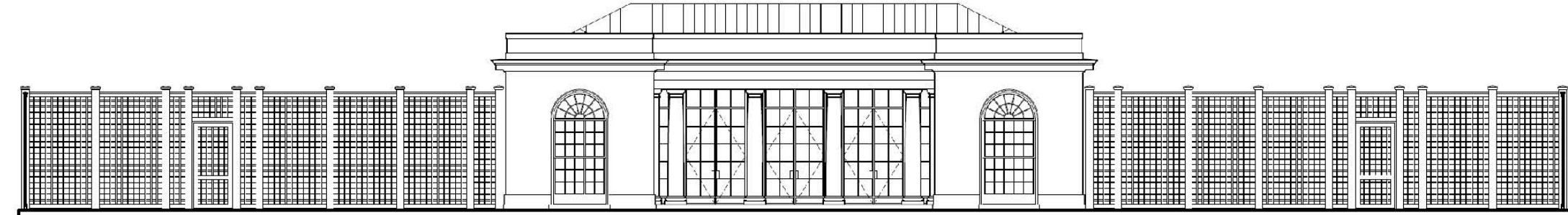


The Tennis Pavilion would function as both a place of leisure and a gathering area linking the independent garden areas (Kitchen Garden and Children's Garden) on the South Grounds. It would provide the connecting framework for a larger, more integrated landscape.

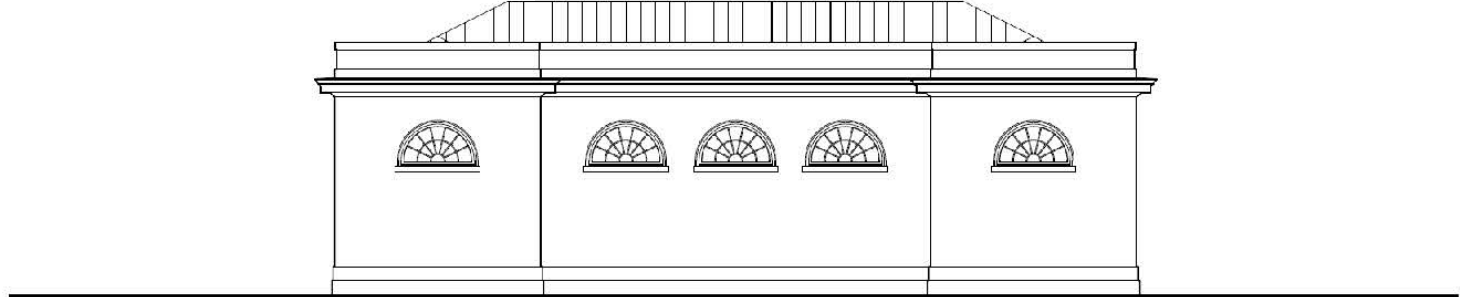
Tennis Pavilion – Roof Plan



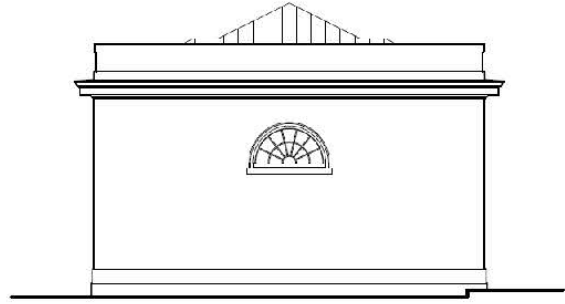
Design Proposal – Tennis Pavilion Elevations



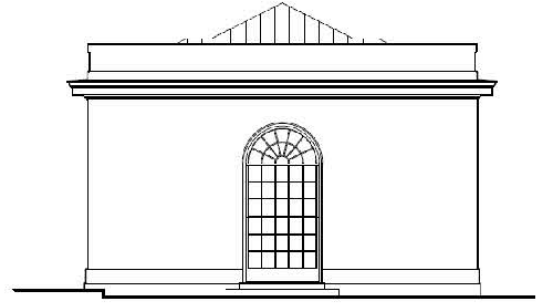
East Elevation



West Elevation



3 South Elevation

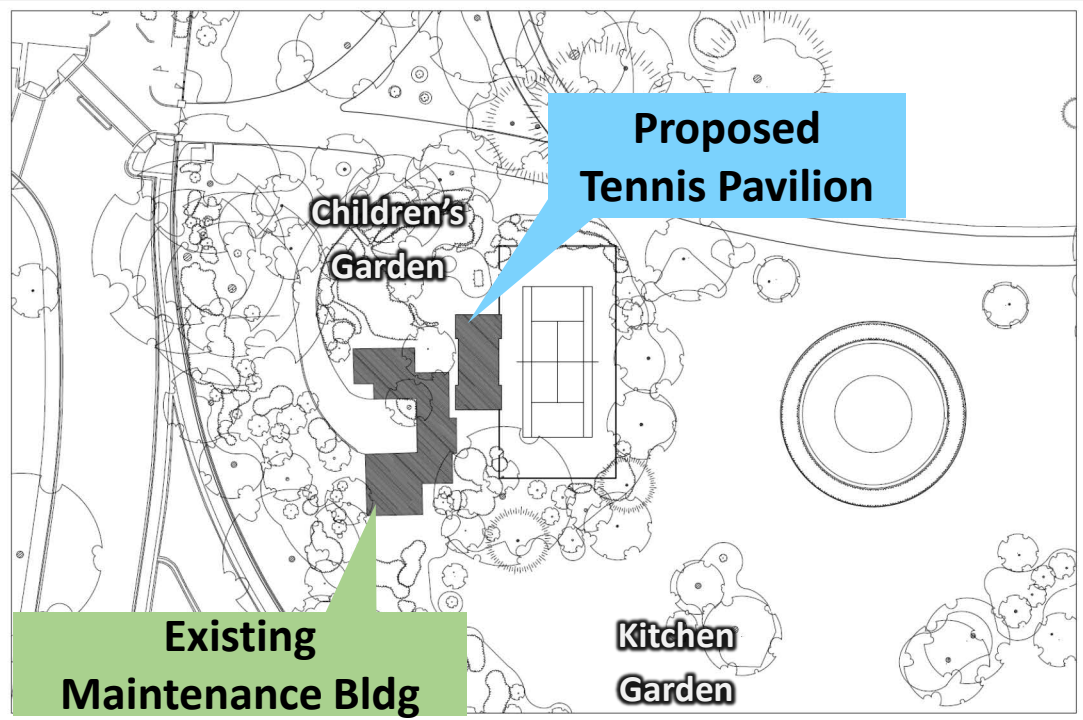


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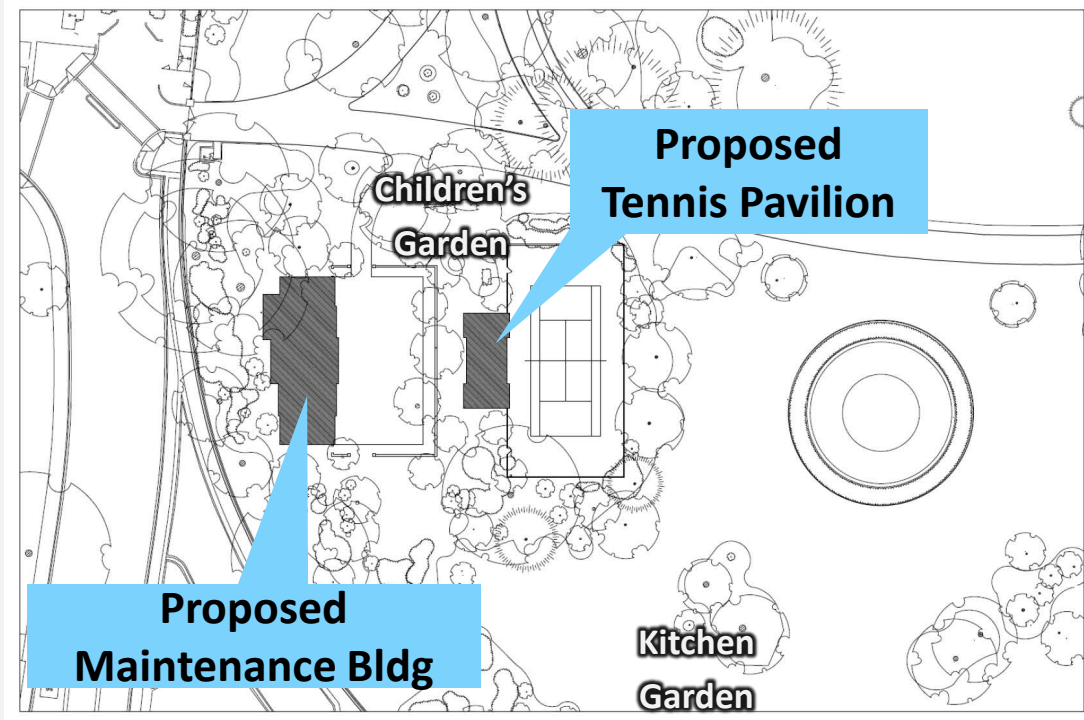
Tennis Pavilion – Elevation Detail



Design Proposal – 2 Phases



Phase 1



Phase 2

Phase 2 – Maintenance Building

The restructured maintenance building will offer a more professional and aesthetically pleasing facility from which the National Park Service can discharge their duties.



