

**A Resolution Supporting the Installation of Tennis Ball Receptacles and Signage at the
Eppley Recreation Center Outdoor Tennis Courts**

1. **WHEREAS** the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students at the University of Maryland; and
2. **WHEREAS** RHA strives to promote sustainability on campus, particularly that of on-campus students, through its Sustainability Committee (SCOM); and
3. **WHEREAS** the UMD campus supports a host of native organisms and seeks to develop and sustain its biodiversity; and
4. **WHEREAS** RHA collaborated with UMD's Sustainable Ocean Alliance and UMD's American Conservation Coalition organizations in November 2025 to collect and remove tennis balls from behind Eppley Recreation Center, resulting in over 50 pounds of tennis balls removed (Addendum 1); and
5. **WHEREAS** tennis balls often pollute Campus Creek, including the habitat of beavers on campus, degrading the quality of this environment; and
6. **WHEREAS** dedicating 6-8 bins for used tennis balls at the tennis courts would encourage responsible disposal of the tennis balls, instead of becoming litter in the nearby environment; and
7. **WHEREAS** RecWell will provide signage for the intended use so the bins are used for only their intended purpose, and educate students on the purpose of the bins; and
8. **WHEREAS** RecWell has already identified Junior Tennis Court Champions (JTCC) in College Park as a partner in the final disposal of the used tennis balls about once per month;
9. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that RHA supports an initiative to install tennis ball receptacles and signage at the tennis courts at Eppley Recreation Center and the use of Sustainability Fund monies to fund the materials and installation.

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Addenda:

1. [UMD students host beaver dam cleanup behind Eppley Recreation Center](#)