

**SCHAUMBURG**

# Vegetation will be used in effort to halt erosion

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The Schaumburg Park District Joint Advisory Committee has directed staff to reduce the Lancer Creek erosion problem through vegetation control.

During a May meeting, commissioners asked homeowners to help pay for one-third of a \$60,000 project designed to solve the erosion problem along the creek. The three homeowners on the creek declined to pay for the project.

Lancer Creek is part of a water-retention system that runs through Lancer Brook Park. Erosion is cutting into the back yards of some homeowners along the creek.

In other conservation matters discussed Monday night, officials said restoration of Bob Link to a natural arboretum state is under way. Bob Link, a tree sanctuary on the southwest corner of Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, 1111 E. Schaumburg Rd., has about 40 different tree and shrub species on the 4.5-acre site, said parks conservationist Dave Brooks.

The long-range plan calls for spending \$13,000 a year to remove unsightly weeds and trees and plant new trees.

An improved trail system is also planned that will accommodate the handicapped.

The Park District has also taken a naturalist approach to maintaining its wetlands. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-approved beetle was introduced to the wetlands at Spring Valley. The beetle is used to help control the invasive purple loosestrife, which can take over areas and force out other species native to the area, Brooks said.