

CULTURAL CENTER

The Cultural Center is located on the highlands to the north side of Bridges Drive. Special events are allowed under required permit by the Village, such as: Scout programs and ceremonies, music, art or dance festivals, group picnics, organization exhibits, wedding or anniversary events, ethnic events and receptions. Lawn seating and program staging would also be available. Rules for use shall incorporate the prohibition of pets, active sports and high levels of noise. Permits must be granted in advance for activities involving groups. A National Parks Memorial in tribute to our national parks and the vision of those who created and preserved them for all future generations is being planned. Other activities such as Tai Chi, yoga, lectures, educational exhibits and other passive related exercises are permitted.

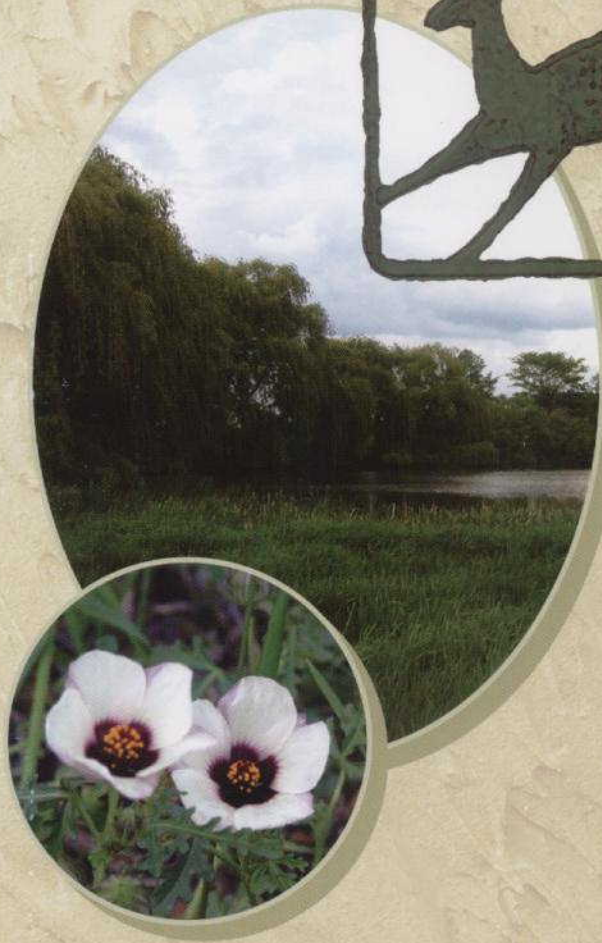
PHASE 1

- ◆ Preserve and upgrade the quality of both wetlands and uplands
- ◆ Hiking paths
- ◆ Winter cross country skiing
- ◆ Exhibition of botanical, biological, and natural subjects, such as Illinois wild natural plants
- ◆ Areas for picnicking with benches and observation points
- ◆ On-site parking and bicycle racks
- ◆ Special events and programs

INTERCONNECTIONS

A paved pedestrian pathway connecting to the shop of The Arboretum, with restaurants, coffee shops, and other retail, are accessible from the Cultural Center Parking Area. Connecting hiking trails will interconnect with the Park District Area immediately adjacent to the west.

South Barrington Conservancy



HISTORY

The Need for the Conservancy

The land made available for the Conservancy might be the last opportunity to save open space for a natural area within the Village of South Barrington. The Conservancy preserves the Village's rural heritage and accentuates the semi-rustic flavor from which South Barrington was developed. Preservation of open space is consistent with goals outlined in the Village's comprehensive plan as well as the larger, regional comprehensive plan adopted by the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG).



PROPERTY LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Conservancy is located on 35 acres of lightly wooded prairie and wetland along the west side of Bartlett Road. Upland areas consist of a mixture of open and wooded grasslands, while a marshy pond feeds a stream meandering diagonally through the property to the southwest. This wetland area provides habitat for waterfowl and various other wildlife species. Higher grounds suitable for low-impact recreation surround the wetlands.

CONSERVANCY COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Conservancy Commission consists of seven members, all of which are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees. The Mayor designates the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Recommendations by the Commission on all matters of the Conservancy are presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval. Upon adoption, the Commission manages and regulates the Conservancy under the oversight of the Mayor.

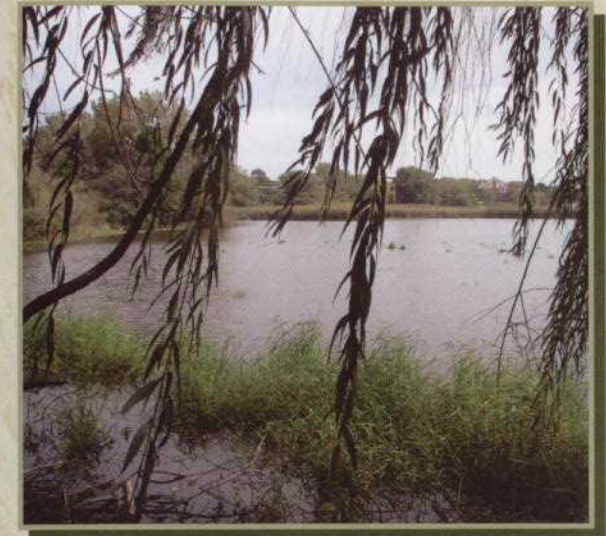
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CONTACTS

Citizen participation is desired and requested both in an advisory or active position. Any resident who wishes to become involved in the operation, fundraising, programming, or planning, please contact one of the following at conservancy@southbarrington.com:

Chairperson: Dr. Eileen Koty
Village President: Frank Munao

MISSION STATEMENT:

To preserve the unique natural areas of the Conservancy for the benefit of all residents of South Barrington.
To bring together the wetland and upland areas in a way that will allow for both the conservation and enjoyment of this beautiful natural space.



HOW THE CONSERVANCY WAS MADE POSSIBLE

The 35 acres of the Conservancy, once a tree and shrub nursery, was planned in the early stages of The Woods of South Barrington to be used for wetland mitigation. This designation would have made the Conservancy land unfit for the purposes now planned. During a walkthrough of the property in 2004, Village President Frank Munao was impressed at the possibilities of acquiring something special for the residents of South Barrington. He enlisted the help of Trustee Bill Merci, an architect, and other Board Members to consider the possibilities. Toll Brothers, developer of the "Woods", was contacted and asked to save this property for Village acquisition and through their generosity and community spirit the land was set aside to be donated to the Village. The original mitigation of wetlands destined for this beautiful property was moved to other locations and the Conservancy was born.