

# NEW WISSAHICKON IN OLD DARBY CREEK

Boulevard and Park Incubating  
at Lansdowne to Link Bur-  
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Little Breathing-Spot Has Start-  
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Lansdowne, Pa., July 30.—If the present plans of the Lansdowne Natural History Club do not miscarry Lansdowne and this part of Delaware county will have a park which will be a rival in many respects to the beautiful ones in the big cities. The new park nucleus, which is already a breathing-spot for the people of Lansdowne, is located at the foot of Lansdowne court, along Darby Creek. This little park was made for the people of Lansdowne alone last fall and early this spring. The Natural History Club, which started it, soon saw the advantages of a much greater park, by reason of the rapid upbuilding of Lansdowne, which heretofore had plenty of pretty shady spots, but which are being so speedily used up for building purposes.

At present the club has procured from owners along Darby Creek from Burmoot almost to Darby all the land that is necessary for a big boulevard to run from Baltimore avenue to Darby. This boulevard is intended to be laid out along the picturesque creek, with many paths.

One of the obstacles to the building of the new boulevard and park is money, and while the club has a good membership, yet its members are not too wealthy. Therefore, it is now planning to raise funds in some novel way, and there will no doubt be a meeting of citizens held early in the fall to take up the matter of financing the project. The members of the club as well as citizens of Lansdowne generally realize that within the next two years, if this matter is neglected, it will be impossible to have the desired breathing-place for the benefit of themselves and their children.

Darby Creek is a beautiful winding stream with pretty shade trees on either side, and its scenery is unsurpassed in Pennsylvania. This is so true that even the big moving-picture film manufacturers have realized the rarity of the scenery, and each week hundreds of pictures are taken along the creek, which are subsequently shown all over the United States.

### Saving the Stream's Purity

One of the great movements in which the Natural History Club has been engaged has been the prohibition of the pollution of Darby Creek by manufacturers, who allow their dye waters to run into the stream. This club has applied to the State Department of Health, which has taken this matter up, and the manufacturers will at an early date have to find some means of sewerage other than dumping their waste into the creek. Already some of the mills are taking up the matter of sewerage disposal, as they have been notified by the State authorities to quit the pollution.

The cost of building the boulevard and to properly clean out the woods along the stream of all unnecessary underbrush will run into thousands of dollars; but by the assistance of the citizens and with an appropriation from Lansdowne Council the Natural History Club, of which Arthur Shrigley is president, will no doubt be successful in building the prettiest park in Delaware county.