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Erosion Concerns on Geneva Creek Limits Public Access

Geneva Creek is located on the southwest side of the Kane County Government Center property located at 719 South Batavia Ave. It passes through the Government Center property and Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve.



Last month, the Kane County Forest Preserve, Building Management Department and Department of Environmental and Water Resources examined the creek. The review was prompted by concerns over erosion of the creek banks, fallen trees and the proximity to the Grotto and foot paths in these areas. The Grotto is a shrine that sits in a wooded area along the creek and dates back to the 1930s when the property belonged to the Sacred Heart Seminary.

Staff also identified two creek crossings that need further assessment including one consisting of an improvised wood plank laid over the creek and another including a wooden foot bridge.



After listening to a presentation on the creek crossing and the condition of the foot path on County property, members of the Kane County Administration Committee agreed with staff that the area needs to close to the public until another inspection is completed and recommendations can be made to the full County Board.

Signs are now in place advising the public that the path is closed.