

## Board hears nature area sites proposal

A proposal was made Wednesday to the Ann Arbor Board of Education to officially bestow the title of Nature Study Area to the wooded sites near the Eberwhite, Thurston, Freeman and Lakewood elementary schools, the Mitchell Elementary-Scarlett Intermediate schools and Pioneer High School. In officially recognizing the areas, the district would emphasize its commitment to preserve land for teaching. The areas have often been used for nature studies, according to Science Coordinator Joe Riley and Environmental Education Consultant William Browning, who made the proposal. There would be a minimal cost for signs and a little staff time to arrange recognition ceremonies, according to the proposal, but no additional personnel would be required. Board members asked for site plans of the

areas, which will be provided before action is expected on March 11.