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Neighbors settle on name for creek

Residents living near Walhalla Ravine have voted, and if they have their way, the unnamed creek running through the ravine will be known as Walhalla Creek.

Thirty-six residents voted between June 4 and June 19 on the new name for the creek.

Jeff Frontz, a member of the Walhalla Ravine Association, said the group started out with about 30 to 40 names, then narrowed the list to 20 before the vote was taken.

"By naming it, we're showing that we care about it," Frontz said.

The top five vote-getters were Walhalla Creek, Walhalla Brook, Walhalla Run, Walhalla Stream and Clinton Creek.

The neighborhood vote is just the first step in giving the creek an official name.

The recommendation must be approved by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Columbus City Council, the Ohio Board of Geographic Names and finally the National Board of Geographic Names before it becomes official.

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