



Paul Jones watches Chris Patterson plant the first tree at Spring Farm.

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First of 60,000 plants puts down its roots

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THE first of 60,000 trees and shrubs set to transform Spring Farm into a green zone with cycling and walking paths was planted yesterday (Monday).

Camden Mayor Chris Patterson planted the tree, which will become part of a major bushland corridor covering 185ha.

Spring Farm is being developed by Cornish Group and Mirvac Homes. Cornish

Group development manager Paul Jones said the bushland corridor would include cycling and walking paths for families and recreational activities.

Greening Australia will coordinate the project, which also includes noxious weed control, over the next three years.

Project ecologist Michael Sheather-Reid said the corridor would "link isolated vegetation communities between the Nepean River and William Howe Regional Park".

"There will be major

revegetation works to link Elderslie banksia scrub forest, Cumberland Plain woodland and Sydney coastal river-flat forest – all endangered ecological communities – within the corridor network," he said.

Camden Council development manager Carey McIntyre said the project was a number of years in the making.

"A lot of work has gone into this project for many people," he said. "It has taken vision, commitment and dedication."