

Departmental Presentations

Little Rock Zoo

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AR Heritage Farm Project: \$756,000

This new exhibit will help promote visitor awareness of the importance of preserving heritage breeds and farm culture for the enrichment of future generations. This exhibit will answer such questions as “What is sustainable farming?” and “How does the economics of Arkansas rely on farming?”



UPDATE:

Construction complete – Grand Opening April 2, 2016



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AR Heritage Farm Graphics Project: \$100,000

Interactive educational graphics will serve to orient the visitors to the farm experience; previewing the idea of the importance of preserving heritage breeds and farm culture in general.



UPDATE:

Staff is working with Museum Arts to complete the graphic package prior to the April Opening of the AR Heritage Farm.

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Roof Replacements \$109,009:

New roofs are needed for proper upkeep of nine buildings to prevent damage to the guest services facilities and to meet USDA requirement for Zoo building maintenance. The nine buildings include the Visitor Service, Guest Services, Ringtail, Tortoise, Old Keeper, Event Storage, Crane Holding, Warthog Holding and Hay Barn buildings.

UPDATE:

This project is scheduled to complete July 2016.



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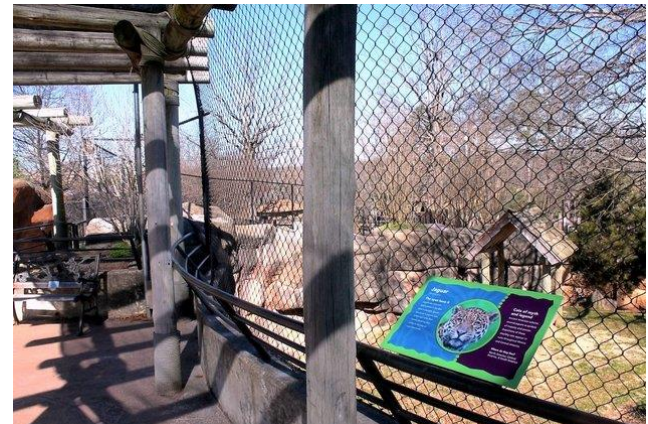
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Safety Barriers: \$342,000

Safety upgrades are needed for the Great Ape, Big Cat and Cheetah Exhibits that have elevated viewing. These barriers are also a requirement for the AZA accreditation.

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UPDATE:

This project is scheduled to complete in May 2016.

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Bush Dog/Otter Exhibit Renovation: \$80,000

The current exhibit is approximately 50 years old and requires updates to meet AZA accreditation, USDA and OSHA requirements. New doors, safety rails, updated keeper entry and completion of the extended walls.



UPDATE:

This project is in progress and expected to be completed by May 2016.

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Gray Water Treatment Plant: \$50,000

The Zoo has partnered together with the CLR Parks Department to reclaim water from the War Memorial Splash Pad and Zoo run-off. This will reduce water consumption and expenses to the Zoo. The treatment plant will allow the Zoo to use the reclaimed water for tasks such as irrigation and animal exhibit water features. This plant will also serve as an educational tool to promote water conservation to our guests.

UPDATE:

Construction was delayed due to weather and is now scheduled to be complete in August 2016.



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Tunnel Renovation: \$300,000

Upgrades to the tunnel exhibits are necessary to bring these exhibits in to compliance with AZA accreditation, USDA and OSHA requirements. Fences, gates, pools, landscaping and animal holding areas are being renovated.



UPDATE:

Bids for construction are being prepared and work is tentatively scheduled to complete in October 2016.



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Point of Sale System (POS): \$301,200

The current POS is outdated and no longer supports patches and upgrades. A new system to handle admissions, education, food sales, ride tickets and special events is required.



UPDATE:

Specs for a POS system are being reviewed and will go to bid in the 2nd quarter.



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Recap of Completed Projects:

- Critical Staffing Positions Filled (2012-2015)
- Constructed New Walk-in Fish Freezer (2012)
- Tiger Exhibit Renovations (2013)
- New Great Ape Exhibit Shade Structures (2013-2014)
- Visitor Experience Upgrades: Landscaping, Electronic Menus and Info Signs (2013-2014)
- Renovations to Camel Exhibit (2013-2015)
- New Greenhouse (2014)
- New Information Station in the Grand Plaza (2014)
- New Ringtail Exhibit (2014)
- New Roof on the Tropical Birdhouse Building (2014)
- New Train Tracks for the AR Diamond Express Train (2014)
- Renovations to Chimp Exhibit (2014)
- Renovations to Upgrade the Amphitheater Animal Holding (2014)
- Reticulated Python Exhibit (2015)
- Train Pit Renovation (2015)
- Veterinarian Hospital X-Ray Equipment (2015)