

Departmental Presentations
Little Rock Zoo
June 17, 2015



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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 a farm?” and “How does the economics of Arkansas rely on farming?”

- **UPDATE:**

- Construction has begun and due to the unusual wet weather the estimated completion is Oct. 2015.

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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. The graphics will identify the various breeds and offer educational information to the guests e.g. “Where does your food come from?” “How can I grow my own food?” “How farms effect our economic situation?”
- **UPDATE:**
 - Currently in the planning stages to prepare the bid package.

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- **Reticulated Python Exhibit \$25,000:**

- This renovation is required to meet *AZA* accreditation requirements. The new habitat will provide the appropriate environment for our large 20 ft. reptile and allow visitors an up close and personal view of the longest snake currently recorded in an *AZA* facility. Also, a great new exhibit for our annual Boo at Zoo event.

- **UPDATE:**

- The bid has closed on this project and is estimated to be completed sometime in August 2015.

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- **Train Service Pit: \$25,000**
 - The train service pit is required to meet AR OSHA requirements for personnel to perform routine maintenance for the upkeep of the Zoo's new AR Diamond train that was purchased in July 2014.

- **UPDATE:**
 - This project is completed as of May 2015.

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- **Bush Dog/Otter Exhibit Renovation: \$550,000**
 - The current exhibit is approximately 50 years old and requires updates to meet AZA accreditation, USDA and OSHA requirements. The renovation will provide secondary containment areas, remove dangerous moats and provide a more suitable environment for the animals.
- **UPDATE:**
 - Pending – Bid has closed and the Little Rock Zoo Staff and Zoo Board of Governors are in discussions now.

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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 in progress and scheduled to complete in Fall of 2015.

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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)

