DENVER ZOO

PHASE ONE MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Founded in 1896, the Denver Zoo is Colorado’s most visited cultural institution with more than 1.8 million guests annually. Denver Zoo is a 24-hour, year-round home to nearly 4,000 animals, including many endangered and threatened species. The campus includes 39 structures, 92 buildings, 80 acres and 648,798 managed square feet. As a 123-year-old institution, the infrastructure is strained with a significant portion functionally obsolete.

The aging infrastructure includes:
- 25 percent of buildings are more than 40 years old
- 12 percent of buildings are more than 60 years old
- 50 percent of water and sewer utilities are more than 40 years old, with some water lines more than 100 years old

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: 2300 Steele St.
District: 9
Neighborhood: City Park
Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $20 million
Designer: Stantec
Contractor: Haselden Construction

PROJECT BENEFITS

Updated critical infrastructure
Improved habitats, care and safety for animals
Maximized programs for education, conservation and sustainability

KEY MILESTONES

- FUNDING AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT EXECUTED 2018
- BEGIN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE CONSTRUCTION FALL 2018
- BEGIN NEW ANIMAL HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION 2019
- NEW ANIMAL HOSPITAL COMPLETION 2020

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