

COMO PARK ZOO AND CONSERVATORY ASSET PRESERVATION

\$1.5 million is requested for planning and construction documents for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory's Orangutan habitat.

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory has a significant statewide significance being one of the state's top cultural destinations with 2 million annual guests. The mission for Como is to inspire the public to value the presence of living things in our lives.

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory's Campus Framework addresses critical habitat updates and energy efficiency asset preservation to meet modern zoological practices.

The next series of asset preservation identified in the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory Action Plan is to enhance the entry experience onto the Zoo. A series of new exhibits and visitor amenities that include developing a year round hardy species exhibit, expand the entry plaza and main pathway to accommodate attendance and event usage, provide modern zoological exhibitory for the Flamingos and Tortoises, and phase one expand the orangutan exhibit with a new entry of the primate as a dayroom and a new outdoor yard.



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Presence



Preservation



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Orangutans have been a part of Como's history since the 1950's and the existing building was built in 1985. Como is a leader in international orangutan work and puts a spotlight on conservation efforts. The project will include an updated and expanded indoor and outdoor area. A new meshed enclosed habitat will be added while continuing the popular moated exhibit. A new indoor day room will be added as an addition to the existing building, with the hopes to adding a second troupe of orangutans. These spaces will create an improved and immersive visitor experience with much more opportunity for enhanced primate choice, activity, play, and movement, plus more flexibility for animal staff to manage the collection.

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