

## YOUR NEW ZOO IS TURNING 40.

### 2018 BONDING REQUEST: \$34,750,000

**\$21,000,000** capital request to naturalize, mobilize and revitalize the Minnesota Zoo **\$13,750,000** for asset preservation to address the backlog of crucial repair and improvement projects on our 40-year old campus.

### **ASSET PRESERVATION REQUEST**

#### **Tropics Trail Aviary**

\$2,000,000

- 100,000+ square feet of deteriorating mesh needs replacement to ensure animal containment, and zip-ties are our only option for temporary fixes.
- The aviary holding area needs repair or replacement to meet industry standards.
- Kitchen repair will improve animal management.



#### **Moose Holding and Exhibit**

\$2,500,000



- In the current configuration, only one moose can be on exhibit at a time.
- Dividing the exhibit will allow more moose out each day and improve guest sightlines.
- Renovating the holding area will allow us to better manage the moose collection and continue providing care to an iconic Minnesota species.

#### **Tropics Trail Skylights**

\$4,000,000

One third of the Tropics Trail skylights are 40 years old, original to the Zoo and require replacement. New skylights will:

- Ensure animal and guest safety with more durable glass.
- Let in more light, improving ecosystem health.



#### **Life Support and Mechanical Systems**

\$2,750,000



- Life Support systems provide essential care for aquatic animal and marine life.
- Many mechanical and life support systems are 40 years old and original to the Zoo.
- We cannot repair obsolete systems, putting our collections at risk should the mechanicals fail.
- This funding would replace the deteriorating systems throughout the campus.

# Replace concrete and asphalt pathways and parking lots Replace railings and bridges on the Northern Trail

\$1,250,000 \$1,250,000

- This 40-year-old infrastructure is original to the Zoo and deteriorating beyond repair.
- Bridges in both public and service areas require replacement for guest and staff safety.









As always, we recognize the importance of the Zoo's private/public partnership.

#### For more information

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