



MINNESOTA ZOO

2020 CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUEST

**\$11 MILLION FOR TREETOP TRAIL;
\$15.5 MILLION TO REVITALIZE THE ZOO;
\$12.5 MILLION FOR ASSET PRESERVATION**

TREETOP TRAIL \$11,000,000

The Minnesota Treetop Trail will repurpose the closed monorail track to:

- Create a 1.3-mile elevated walking loop through oak forest, wetlands and animal habitats.
- Provide Zoo guests of all ages with a new perspective of the animals in their natural surroundings.
- Allow for unique programming opportunities, including outdoor classrooms.



REVITALIZE THE ZOO \$15,500,000

REPURPOSE THE THEATER (FORMER IMAX):

The tenant of the large format theater building departed in 2019, returning the building to the Zoo's capital inventory. This project will transform the building and its scenic, forested hill into:

- A nature adventure hub that positions the Minnesota Zoo as a gateway to nature for all Minnesotans.
- Indoor and outdoor nature-themed challenge courses that will attract new audiences and generate new revenue streams.

REOPEN THE NOCTURNAL TRAIL:

The nocturnal exhibit has been closed for 10 years, leaving a boarded-up hallway in the middle of the Tropics Trail. This project reopens the area as a new exhibit that will:

- Immerse visitors in the experience of traveling from ocean floor to treetop canopy.
- Include a kids' play area, much-needed family restrooms, a stage for animal encounters and volunteer space.

RENOVATE THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL:

The Zoo's animal hospital, built in 1975, predates the opening of the Zoo and requires significant renovation to meet industry standards for animal care. This project will:

- Replace building HVAC systems, electrical services and repair the building exterior structure; including, adding an ambulance bay for safe animal transport.
- Renovate facilities to support modern veterinary technology and practices.
- Provide educational opportunities for guests to observe and learn about Zoo veterinary care.
- Co-locate compatible animal programs and update workspaces.



ASSET PRESERVATION \$12,500,000

Maintaining a zoo the size, age and complexity of the Minnesota Zoo, requires ongoing infrastructure investment to keep facilities functional and safe. Priority projects include:

- Replacing roofs and skylights in animal exhibit areas and support buildings.
- Addressing outdated mechanical, electrical and life support systems.
- Repairing and replacing deteriorated bridges, trails and roads throughout the site

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