



Master Plan 2024





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Oklahoma City Zoo's Mission Statement

We connect people with our world's vanishing wildlife and wild places to inspire conservation action.

Oklahoma City Zoo's Vision Statement

We envision a world where all people take action to conserve wildlife and wild places.

Core Values:

- **Wildlife & Wild Places**

We use our expertise, dedication and passion to care for animals and nature. We share our passion for animals and their care to advance public understanding and awareness of the diversity, strength, and fragility of the wildlife in our world.

- **Conservation**

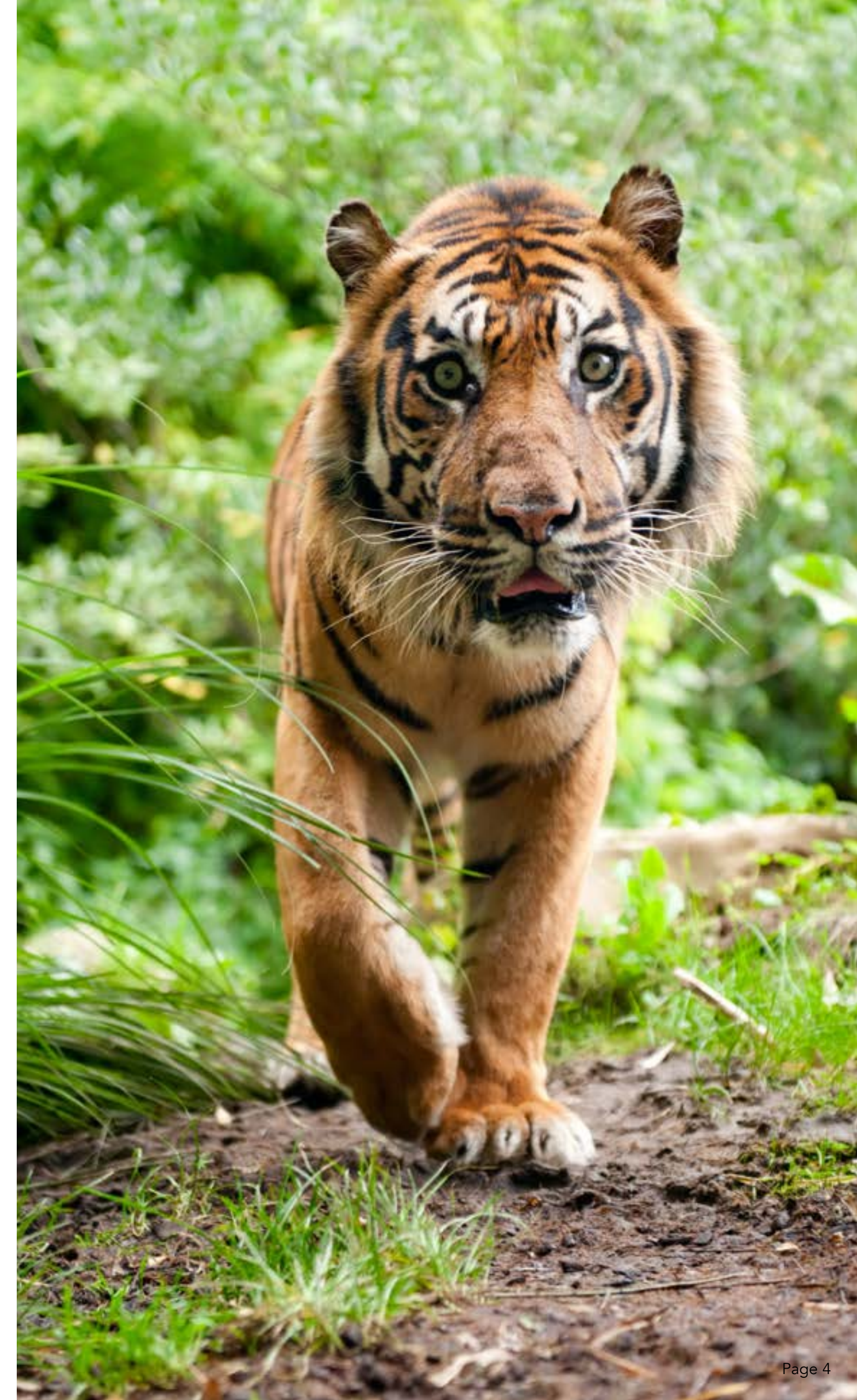
We are leaders in conservation. We honor our planet by leading and supporting advances in conservation, sustainability, and research. Our priority is to share knowledge in an actionable way so that employees, volunteers, and guests can increase our collective positive impact on our world.

- **People**

People matter. We treat people with respect and foster a supportive culture for all employees, volunteers, guests, and community members. We collaborate by listening to different opinions and coming together as one. We appreciate the diversity of humans populating our planet and believe all people should be included and encouraged to help us fulfill our mission.

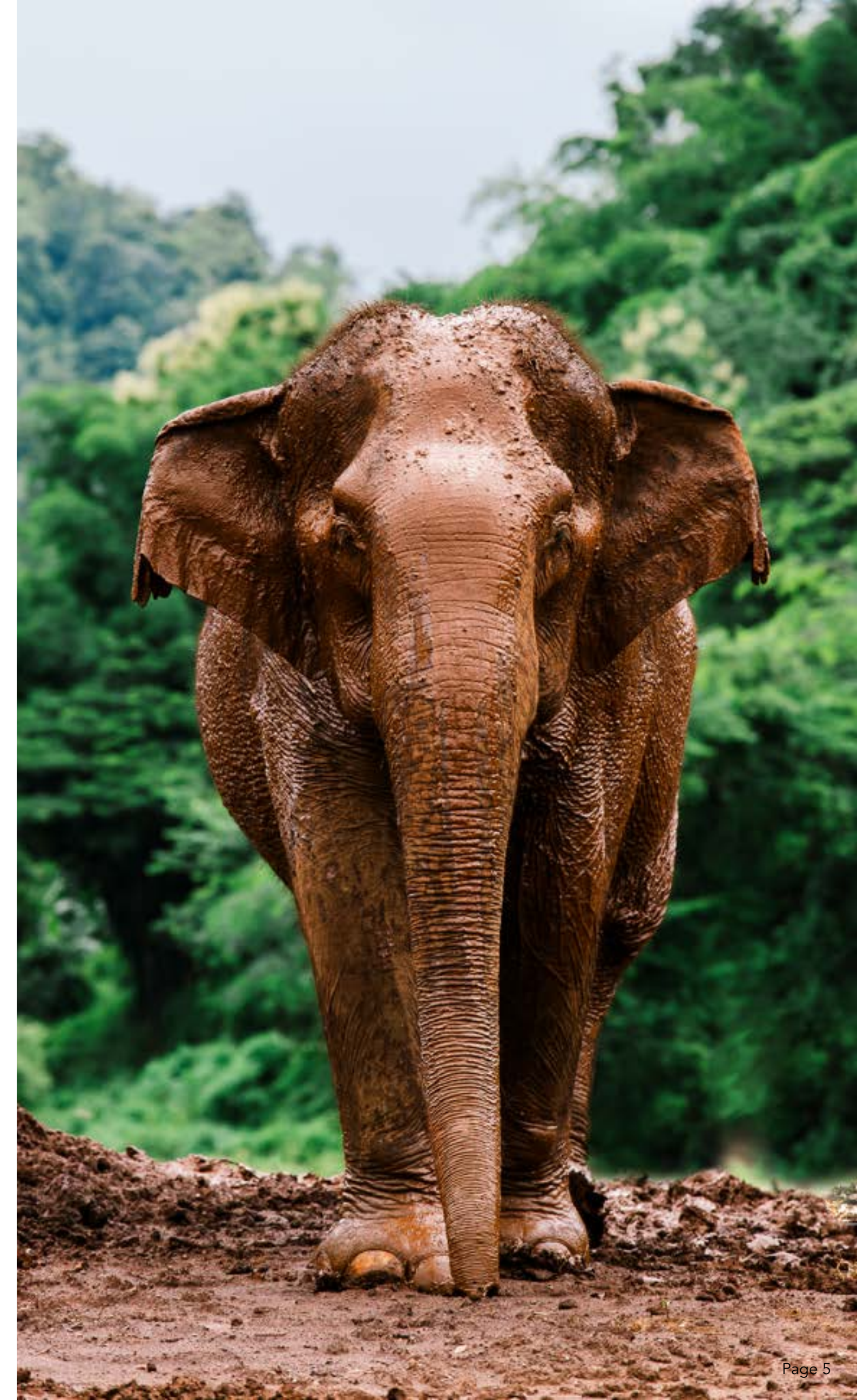
- **Leadership**

We are committed to the Zoo's mission and success. We lead through action and example with honesty, integrity, transparency, and empathy. With a dedication to excellence in all aspects of our operations, including financial sustainability, we seek to inspire our employees and volunteers, fascinate our guests, and challenge ourselves, colleagues, and industry to innovate and develop ever higher standards.

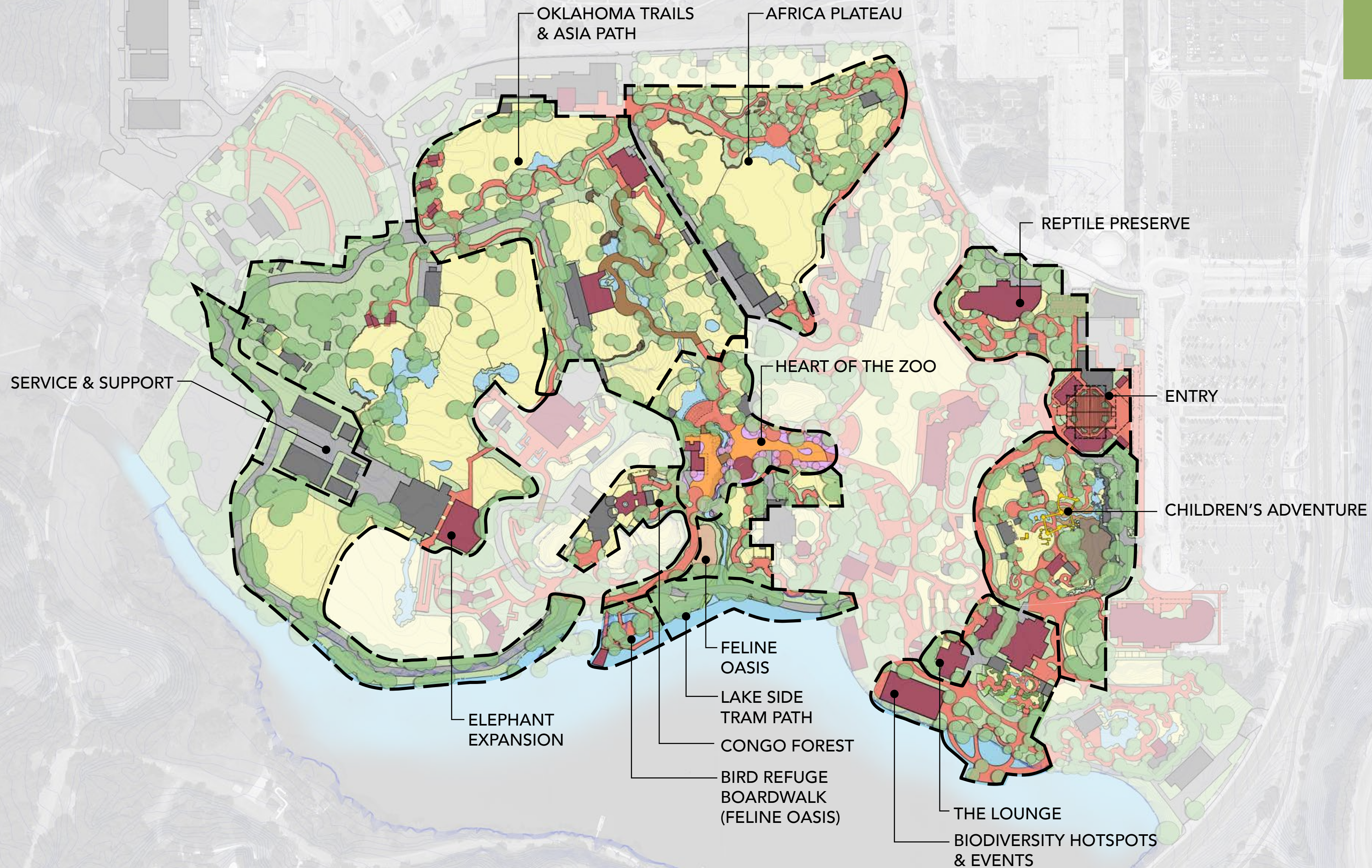


Project Development Criteria:

- Does the project inspire **CONSERVATION** through direct messaging, motivating guests to take action, celebrating the Zoo's expertise, or support endangered wildlife populations in human care?
- Is there a desire by the guest to **EXPERIENCE** the project?
- Can the Zoo provide excellent **ANIMAL WELL-BEING** for the species?
- Are the animals and plants **CLIMATE SUITABLE** for Oklahoma City?
- Are the up front and operating costs appropriate for the Zoo's **FINANCES**?



Project Areas





A Safari Viewing Experience

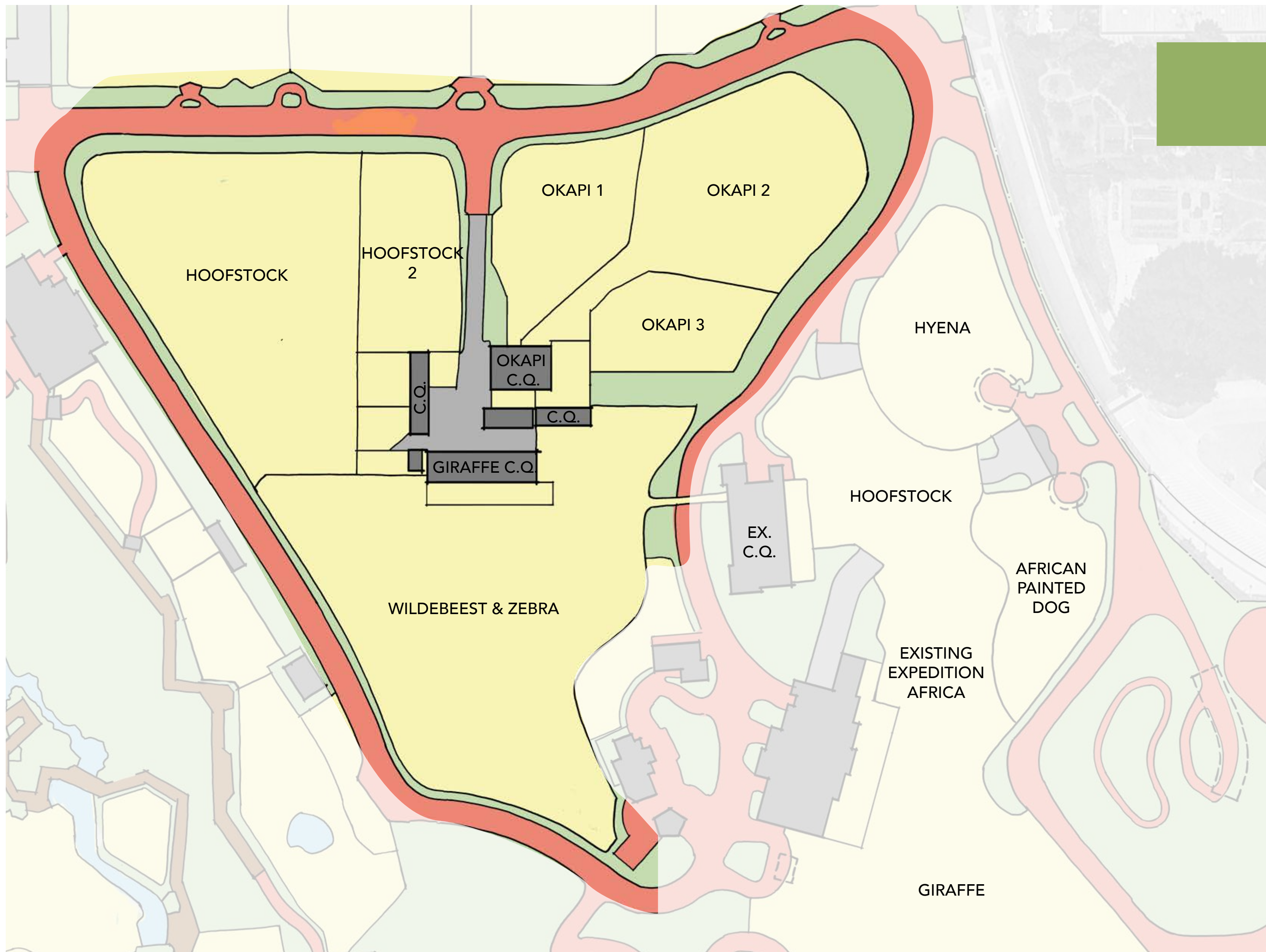
Welcome to the Africa Plateau, the first of 3 priority projects in the Oklahoma City Zoo Master Plan. Designed with the goal of replacing an outdated giraffe barn that is a maintenance concern, and utilizing the Zoo’s available space more efficiently by demolishing barns that occupy essential view corridors, Africa Plateau creates an exciting new mixed species viewing experience full of crowd-pleasing African animals. From white rhinoceros, wildebeest, and zebra on the open savannas, to okapi and sitatunga in a lush forest, this exhibit truly reveals the diversity of animals and landscapes to be found in the wilds of Africa.

One of the defining features of the Africa Plateau is the range of views that can be achieved. By consolidating service needs and siting the new rhino and hoofstock barns on the perimeter of the usable animal space, extended views of the savanna are made possible. Guests will feel that they have been transported to an African safari as they look out and see a variety of species roaming freely on the grasslands. Further down the path, guests will encounter forest home of the okapi and sitatunga, a lush and dense habitat that provides a secluded and enriching environment for these unique species. The thoughtful placement of the forest within the exhibit ensures that each animal’s needs for privacy, shelter, and exploration are met, while still allowing visitors to observe their captivating behaviors.

And of course, the Africa Plateau would not be complete without the carnivores of Predator Pass. The path weaves through the Savanna Stroll Gardens to the existing viewing shelters for the cheetahs and African painted dogs. This re-imagined route eliminates repetitious viewing experiences and allows the Zoo to invest in beautiful gardens that are integrated into the exhibit design. Incorporating the theming of the exhibits into the story of the planting design, the gardens transition from the “River of Grasses” on the savannas, to the “Stream & Wet Meadow” at the waterhole, and the “The Thicket” at the densely planted Okapi exhibit. With pergolas for animal viewing, carefully placed art nodes, and a new vulture exhibit nestled in the gardens, guests will enjoy discovering all the special details on the African Plateau.

Africa Plateau

Existing Site



EXISTING OKAPI HABITAT



EXISTING GIRAFFE HABITAT



KEY PLAN

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Africa Plateau

Key Features

Savanna Stroll Gardens
Winter View into Rhino Care Quarters
White Rhino Wild Encounter
Savanna Hoofstock Wild Encounter
Okapi Wild Encounter
Mixed Species Exhibits
(10) New Species

Program

Savanna A	62,500 SF
Savanna B	21,000 SF
Okapi A	8,500 SF
Okapi B	7,500 SF
Okapi C	9,000 SF
Vulture	3,000 SF

RHINO ENCOUNTER BOMA

WINTER VIEW

RHINO
C.Q.

YARD

C.Q.

YARD

SERVICE AREA

SAVANNA
B

SAVANNA
STROLL

ART
NODE

VULTURE

EXISTING
PREDATOR
PASS

OKAPI
C

OKAPI
B

OKAPI
A

THE WATERHOLE

EX.
C.Q.

EXISTING
EXPEDITION
AFRICA

EX. HOG

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Africa Plateau

Species

Antelope*

Gazelle*

Grey Crowned Crane*

Guinea Fowl*

Impala*

Kudu*

Okapi

Sitatunga*

Southern White Rhino*

Vulture*

Waterbuck*

Wildebeest

Zebra

* New Animal Species at the Zoo



Africa Plateau Phasing

Order of Construction

Phase 1A

Construction

- Rhino & Hoofstock Care Quarters
- Rhino Boma

Phase 1B

Demolition

- Ex. Okapi Exhibits
- Ex. Giraffe Barn

Construction

- Okapi Exhibits
- Okapi Care Quarters
- Savanna A, Savanna B
- Vulture Exhibit
- Savanna Stroll

PHASE 1A

PHASE 1B

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World Class Reptile Habitats

The Reptile Preserve is a cutting-edge facility that redefines the standard for reptile and amphibian care and conservation. With the Jungle Gym relocated to a new home in Children's Adventure, the new Reptile Preserve can occupy that site, providing an immersive, climate controlled experience near the Zoo entry. The original structure of the herpetarium will be renovated and repurposed as a much-needed guest lounge that provides the zoo with updated restrooms, a nursing room, birthday party room, and an area for guests to take a break so they can make the most of their day at the zoo.

The Reptile Preserve is both an indoor & outdoor facility with several exhibits designed to be viewed from both inside and outside. In this building visitors will also encounter a diverse array of reptiles and amphibians thriving in environments that closely mimic their natural habitats. From the arid deserts of the Southwest to the lush rainforests of the tropics, each exhibit offers a glimpse into the remarkable adaptations and behaviors of snakes, lizards, turtles, and more. As guests explore the facility, they will walk across ravines, peer into crevices, and wander through a 360-degree gallery, where transparent enclosures offer unparalleled views of some of the world's most intriguing and elusive reptiles. Beyond the exhibits, the Reptile Preserve Building features a dedicated demonstration area and incubation zone, where visitors can witness firsthand the marvels of reptile biology and reproduction. From egg-laying turtles to snakes shedding their skin, these interactive presentations provide invaluable insights into the lives of these ancient creatures, fostering a deeper understanding and respect for their role in the ecosystem.

Surrounding the building, the reptile preserve gardens showcase a variety of native reptile and bird habitats that visitors can replicate at home, empowering individuals to become stewards of conservation in their own communities. The gardens also include an art node and pergola for relaxing while nearby, the improved ginkgo plaza serves dual purpose as garden gathering space and an area for after hours events.

Reptile Preserve

Existing Site



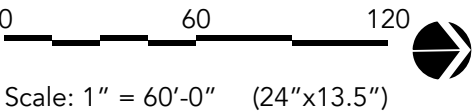
EXISTING CAMEL RIDES



EXISTING JUNGLE GYM



KEY PLAN



Reptile Preserve

Key Features

- Indoor/Outdoor Habitats
- Revitalized Ginkgo Plaza
- Climate Controlled Experience Close to the Zoo Entry
- Guest Lounge at Existing Reptile House

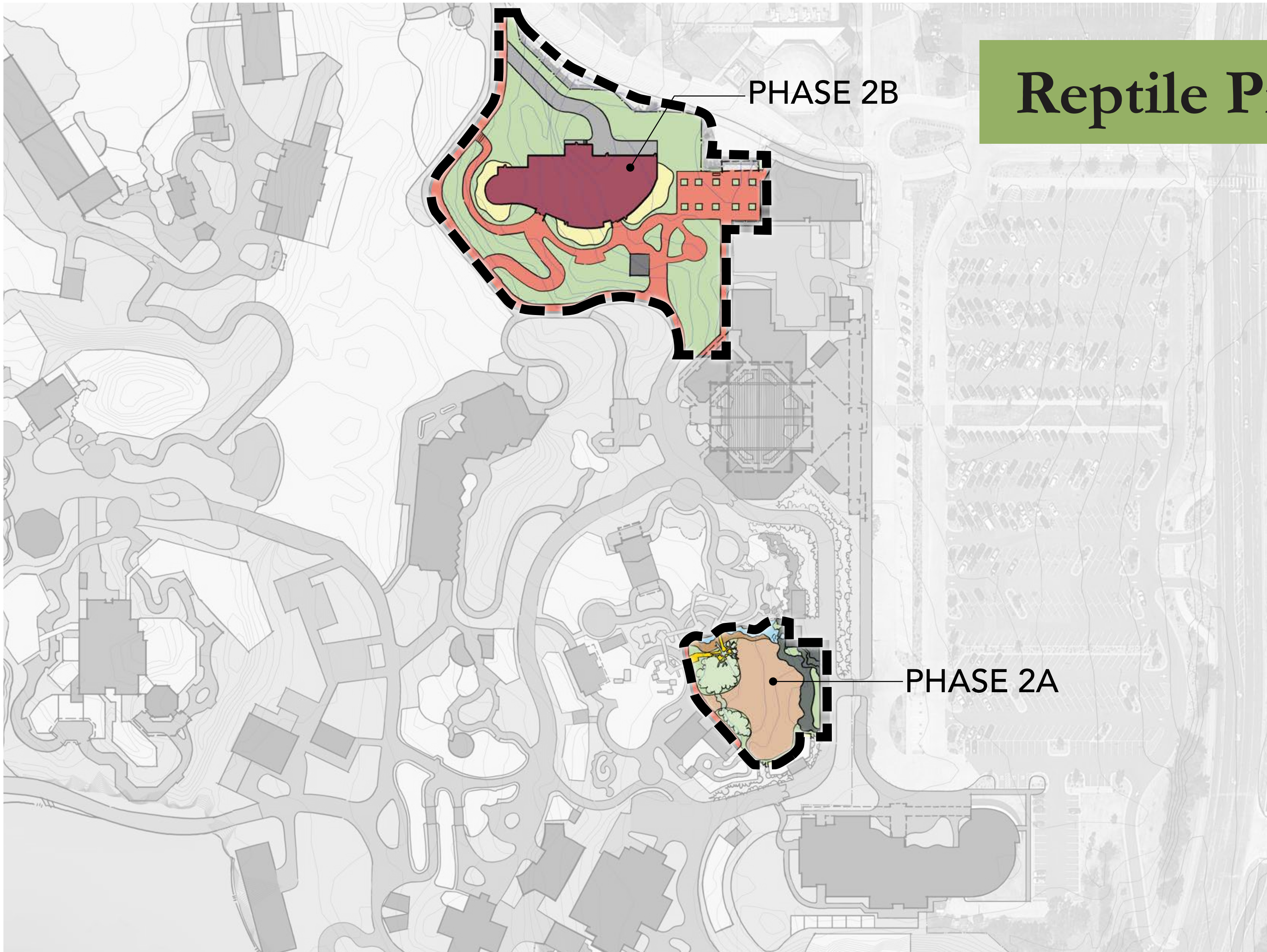
Program

Outdoor Reptile 1	1600 SF
Outdoor Reptile 2	1300 SF
Outdoor Reptile 3	1500 SF



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Reptile Preserve Phasing



Order of Construction

Phase 2A

Demolition

- Ex. Small Primate at Children's Adventure

Construction

- Jungle Gym/Nature Play Area

Phase 2B

Demolition

- Ex. Camel Rides
- Ex. Jungle Gym

Construction

- Reptile Preserve
- Reptile Preserve Gardens
- Plaza Improvements
- Events Entry Kiosk



The Key to a Delightful Zoo Visit

The Heart of the Zoo is a crossroads - a key point through which guests pass up to six times during a visit to the Zoo. Currently, its jumble of paths and difficult to find amenities detract from the guest experience rather than enhance it. In this plan, the Heart of the Zoo is re-imagined as an inviting, identifiable gathering space. The path from the entry gives way to the Heart of the Zoo via the vibrant display gardens of the Redbud Promenade. Consolidating and highlighting multiple exhibit entries such as: Expedition Africa, Feline Oasis, Oklahoma Trails, Congo Forest, and Sanctuary Asia, this highly trafficked portion of the Zoo now uses simplified circulation for an improved guest experience. Furthermore, guests passing through the plaza will now encounter a new central restaurant, the Redbud Café, multiple times during their visit to the Zoo.

Showcasing the beauty of working with nature instead of against it, the Heart of the Zoo brings back to daylight a natural stormwater path through the Zoo's center. This natural form of stormwater management provides the Zoo with interpretive opportunities for water conservation and low-impact development while turning what was once an engineering problem into a unique Zoo feature. Shaded seating along the edge of the seasonal stream provides a chance to enjoy a meal from the Redbud Café and creates a rendezvous spot for families near entries to multiple exhibits.

Using a walk-up counter service method, the Redbud Café allows for efficient service with abundant shaded outdoor seating. Guests can enjoy their food with multi-layered views of black bear, elk, pronghorn, and an active wetland featuring alligators. To further enhance guest comfort, exceptional restrooms with unique interior exhibits are located just off the plaza for easy access.

This project, while being in a challenging location at the center of the Zoo, is the organizational key to solving many of the Zoo's current circulation issues. By creating clearly defined exhibit entries among clustered visitor amenities, Heart of the Zoo becomes the central hub for the campus.

Heart of the Zoo & Redbud Cafe



Existing Site



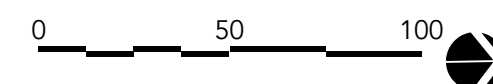
EXISTING PATH TO HEART OF THE ZOO



EXISTING DINING PAVILION

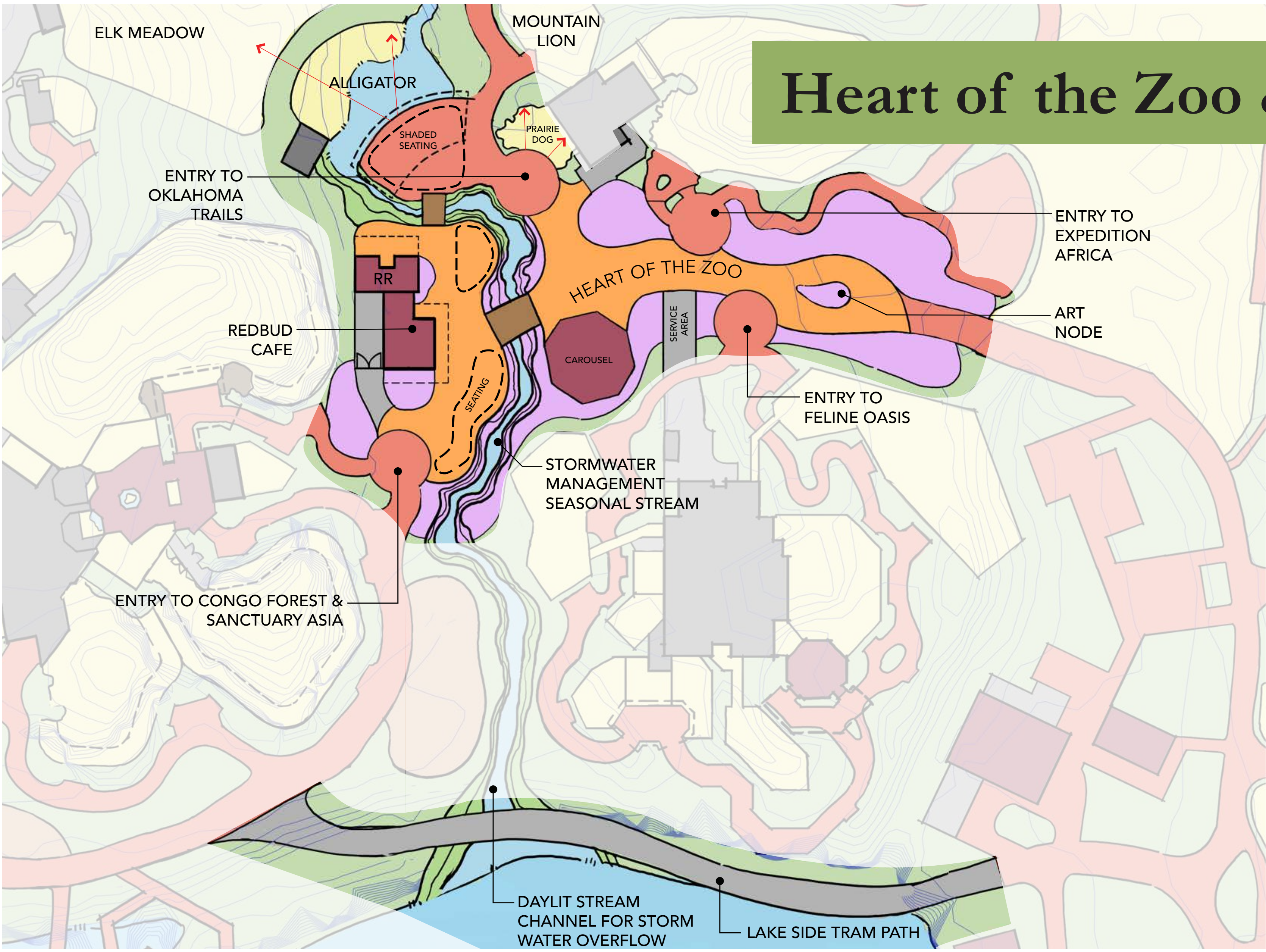


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Heart of the Zoo & Redbud Cafe

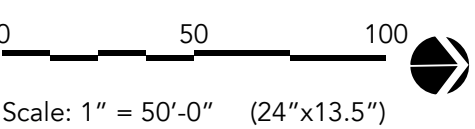


Key Features

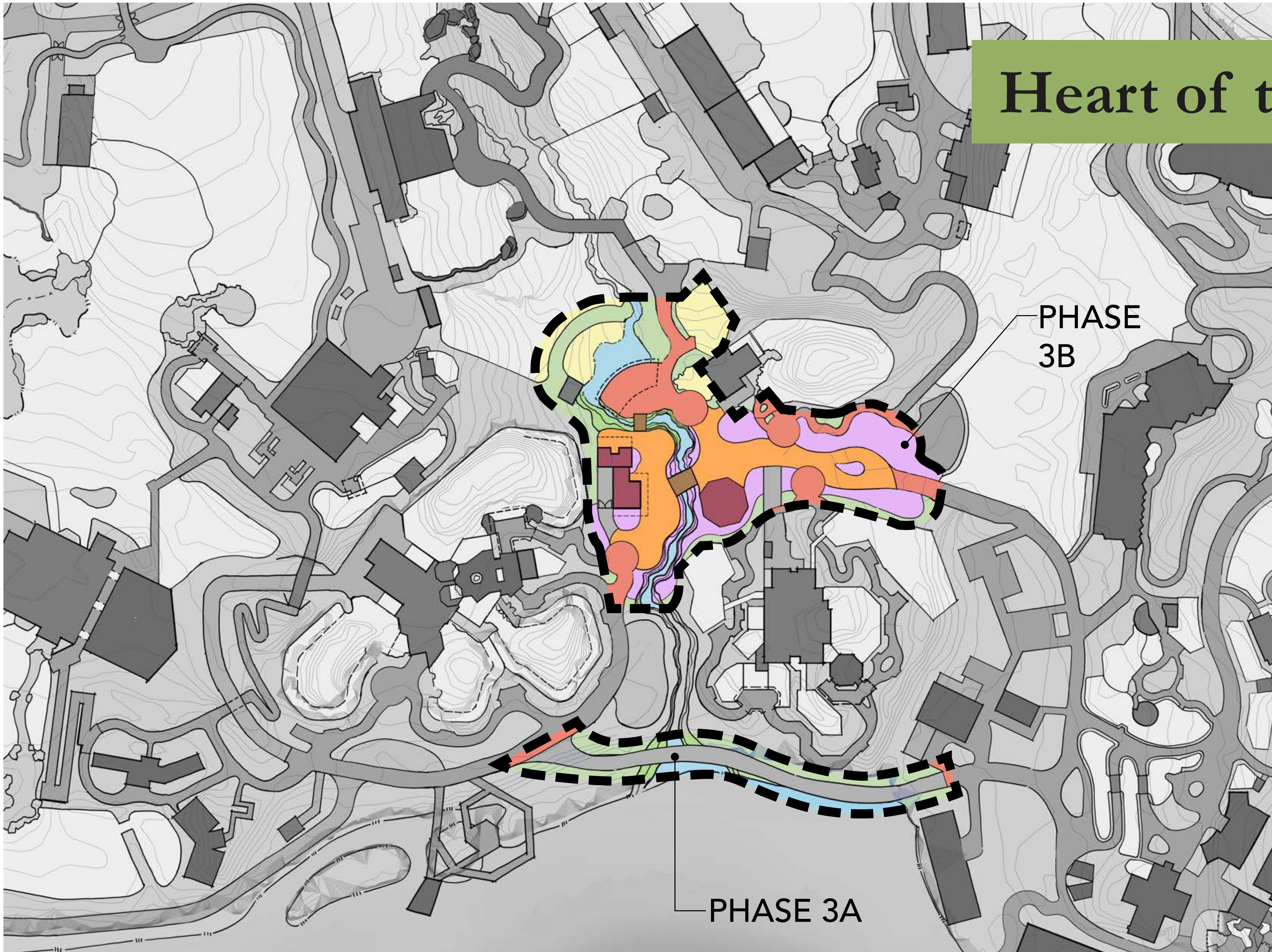
- Organized circulation with exhibit entries clearly defined
- New Redbud Cafe with exceptional restrooms
- Shaded outdoor seating with views of Oklahoma Trails
- Stormwater management seasonal stream

Program

Alligator Habitat	5,800 SF
Red Bud Cafe	4,500 SF
250 Outdoor Seats	
Restrooms: Men's, Women's, Family	
Relocated Carousel	
Lakeside Tram Path	



Heart of the Zoo Phasing



Order of Construction

Phase 3A

Construction

- Lake Side Tram Path

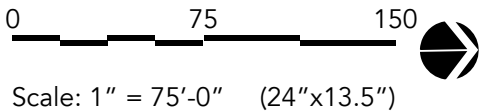
Phase 3B

Demolition

- Ex. Best of Oklahoma
- Ex. Alligator Exhibit
- Ex. Alligator Barn

Construction

- Feline Oasis Entry
- Expedition Africa Entry
- Congo Forest & Sanctuary Asia Entry
- Redbud Promenade
- Relocate Carousel
- Redbud Cafe
- Dining Terrace
- Alligator Exhibit & C.Q.





Enhancing a Guest Favorite

Previously the source of a major circulation dilemma for the Zoo and an area in need of updates, the revised Oklahoma Trails reimagines the guest flow as a single two-way path up the canyon rather than the hairpin it is today. Continuing to feature fan favorites such as black and brown bears, this project enhances the viewing of these animals along with creating new immersive exhibits with exciting new animal species. In addition, by simplifying guest circulation and expanding the bison exhibit footprint, a critical new connection is made between the Animal Hospital and Lotus Café where guests can view Indian rhino on their way to Sanctuary Asia.

Visitors coming from the Redbud Promenade will enjoy layered views of an active wetland with alligator, elk, and pronghorn on the plains, while possibly catching a glimpse of black bear on territorial rocks beyond the improved trail head. As guests proceed along the trails and elevated concrete walkways, they'll experience views of predators such as mountain lions, coyote, and new underwater views of brown bears. Just as the trail leaves the forested boardwalk and transitions into the plains of Oklahoma, guests will be introduced to species such as wolf, prairie dog, and bison. For those looking to extend their stay at the Zoo, the addition of up to four Oklahoma themed guest suites with private outdoor viewing of bison can be rented out as brand-new Wild Encounter experience.

Oklahoma Trails

Existing Site



EXISTING ENTRY TO OKLAHOMA TRAILS



EXISTING BROWN BEAR HABITAT



KEY PLAN

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Oklahoma Trails

Key Features

- Underwater view of Brown Bear
- Single path route for better connections to Africa and Asia
- North American panorama with Alligator, Elk, Pronghorn, & Black Bear

Program

Bison	68,000 SF
Prairie Dog	2,500 SF
Whooping Crane	4,000 SF
Brown Bear	24,000 SF
Black Bear	15,000 SF
Elk & Pronghorn A	17,000 SF
Elk & Pronghorn B	10,000 SF
Wolf	10,000 SF
Coyote	9,500 SF
Eagle	2,000 SF
Aviary	8,600 SF





Multi-Level Play & Life-long Memories

The unveiling of a new Children's Adventure near the entry of the Zoo promises an immersive and enchanting experience for young visitors and families alike. At the center of the excitement stands a treetop play structure, a whimsical combination of climbing nets, slides, and play elements to spark imagination and encourage exploration. Children can ascend to new heights with panoramic views of the surrounding habitats, fostering a sense of adventure unlike any other. Below the soaring structure, a meandering stream invites youngsters and their families to splash and frolic amidst gentle cascades and bubbling fountains; a respite from the Oklahoma heat.

Adjacent to the play area amidst lush foliage and tranquil pools, flamingos elegantly wade while tortoises leisurely roam, creating a dynamic that instills a sense of wonder in visitors of all ages. Nearby, the lorikeet aviary buzzes with vibrant colors and melodic chirps as children interact with these playful birds. Rounding out the immersive experience is the eagerly anticipated giant otter exhibit, where children can marvel at these charismatic creatures as they actively explore their aquatic playground.

Guests venturing to the Canopy Restaurant on the path around the Children's Adventure area will encounter new primate and reptile exhibits that showcase the incredible diversity of life found around the world. Beyond the reptile exhibit, in an area just for the education department, a new education play lawn gives campers the opportunity to stretch their legs outside and allows ambassador animals the same opportunity with off exhibit yards for them to enjoy when they aren't out changing lives. In this dynamic and engaging environment, the new Children's Adventure at the Oklahoma City Zoo and the supporting education areas promise endless opportunities for laughter, learning, and unforgettable moments of discovery.

Children's Adventure



Existing Site



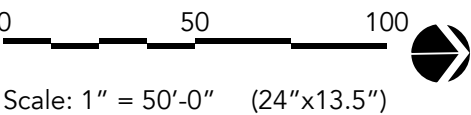
EXISTING BARNYARD



EXISTING FLAMINGO HABITAT



KEY PLAN



Children's Adventure

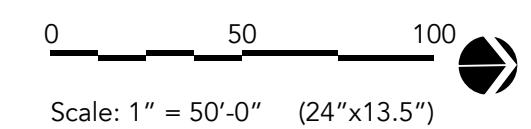
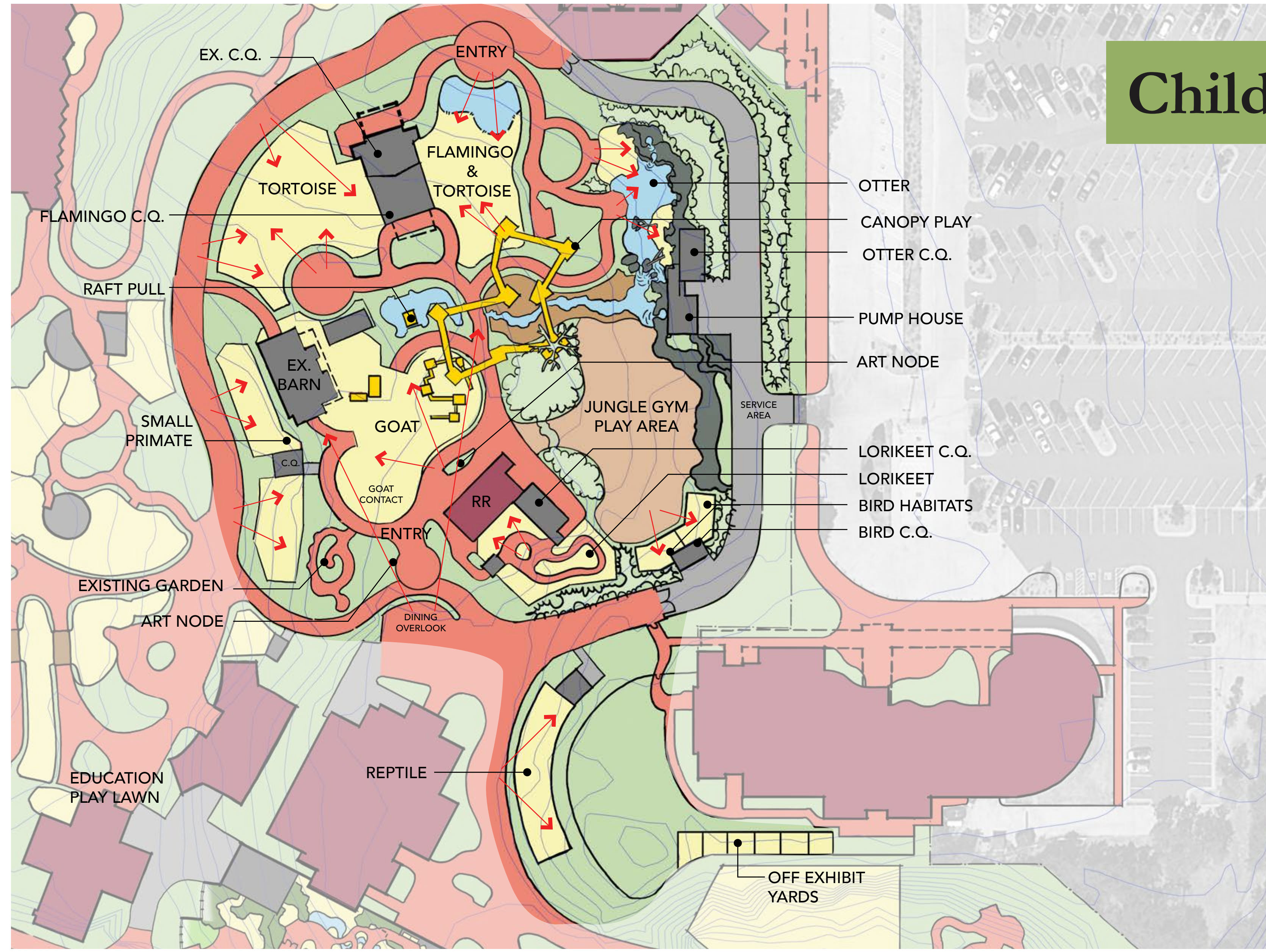
Key Features

Large nature focused play areas
themed on different ecosystems

High impact, playful, & social animals

Program

Tortoise	8,000 SF
Flamingo & Tortoise	6,500 SF
Giant River Otter	3,500 SF
Goat Contact	9,000 SF
Small Primate 1	2,000 SF
Small Primate 2	2,000 SF
Bird 1	1,300 SF
Bird 2	2,000 SF
Reptile	4,000 SF
Lorikeet	4,000 SF





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BOTANICAL GARDEN

A Sheltered Entry Experience

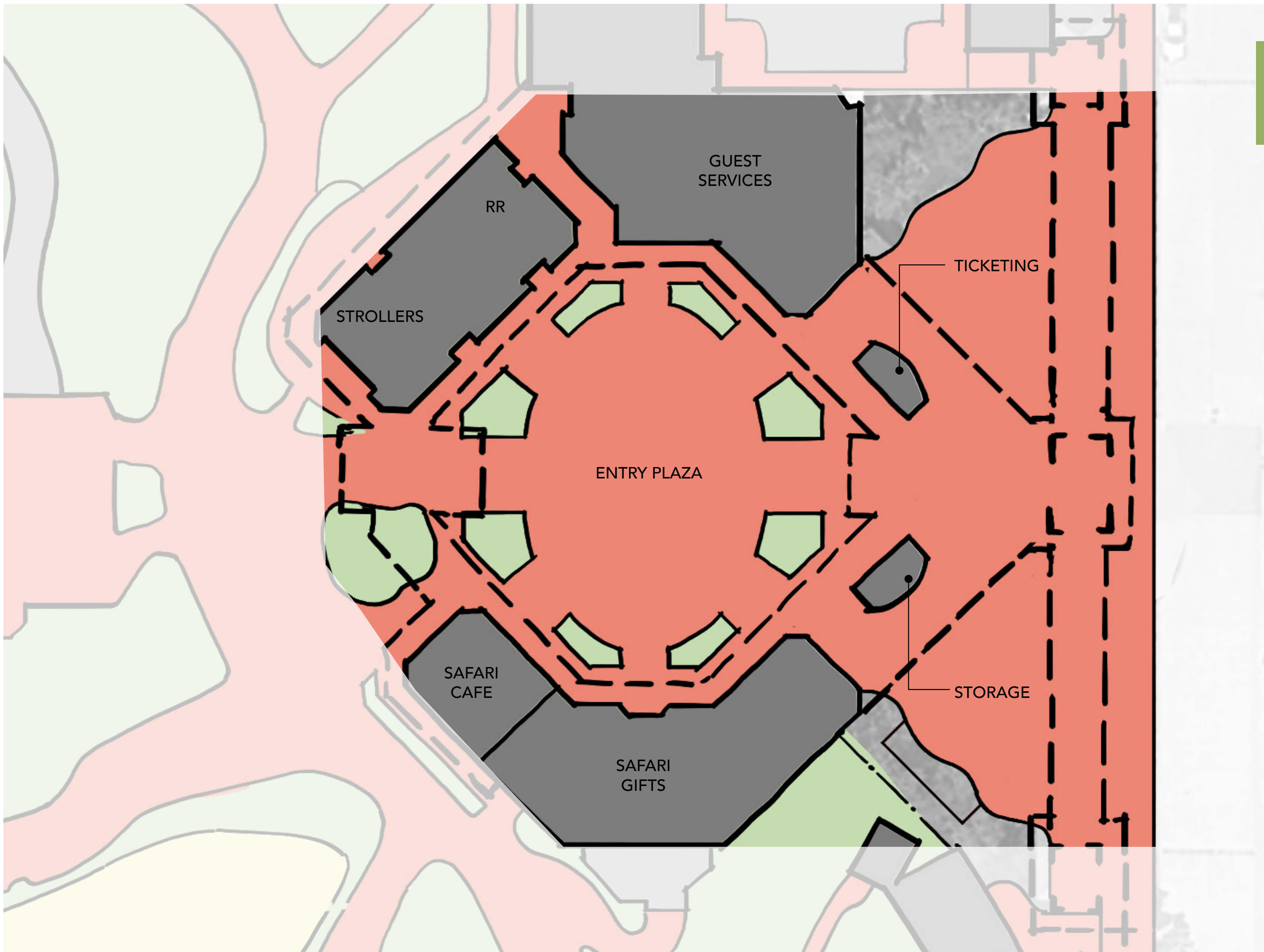
Future visitors to the Oklahoma City Zoo will be welcomed to the park with an enhanced entry improving both the aesthetics and functionality of the welcome plaza. A new ticketing building creates a streamlined entry experience for guests as they arrive, and an event liaison building to the East maintains the original symmetrical charm of the entry by creating a check-in point for large groups.

Nestled above native flora in the existing plaza, a shaded arbor provides a respite from the sun's rays offering a comfortable setting for visitors to gather themselves as they enter and exit the zoo. As guests wander beneath the cool canopy of the shade structure, they are encouraged to linger, providing the perfect moment to visit the gift shop or grab a drink from the café. During winter, the arbor will be an integral part of the annual Zoo Lights events, making the entry all the more exciting during the holiday season.

Whether it's starting a day off right with an easy entry experience or seeking refuge from the midday heat, guests are sure to find a comfortable spot to gather beneath the sheltering embrace of the Oklahoma City Zoo's renovated entry.

Entry

Existing Site



EXISTING ZOO ENTRANCE



EXISTING ENTRY PLAZA

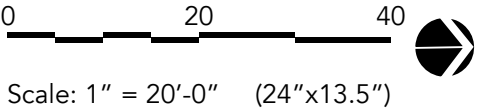
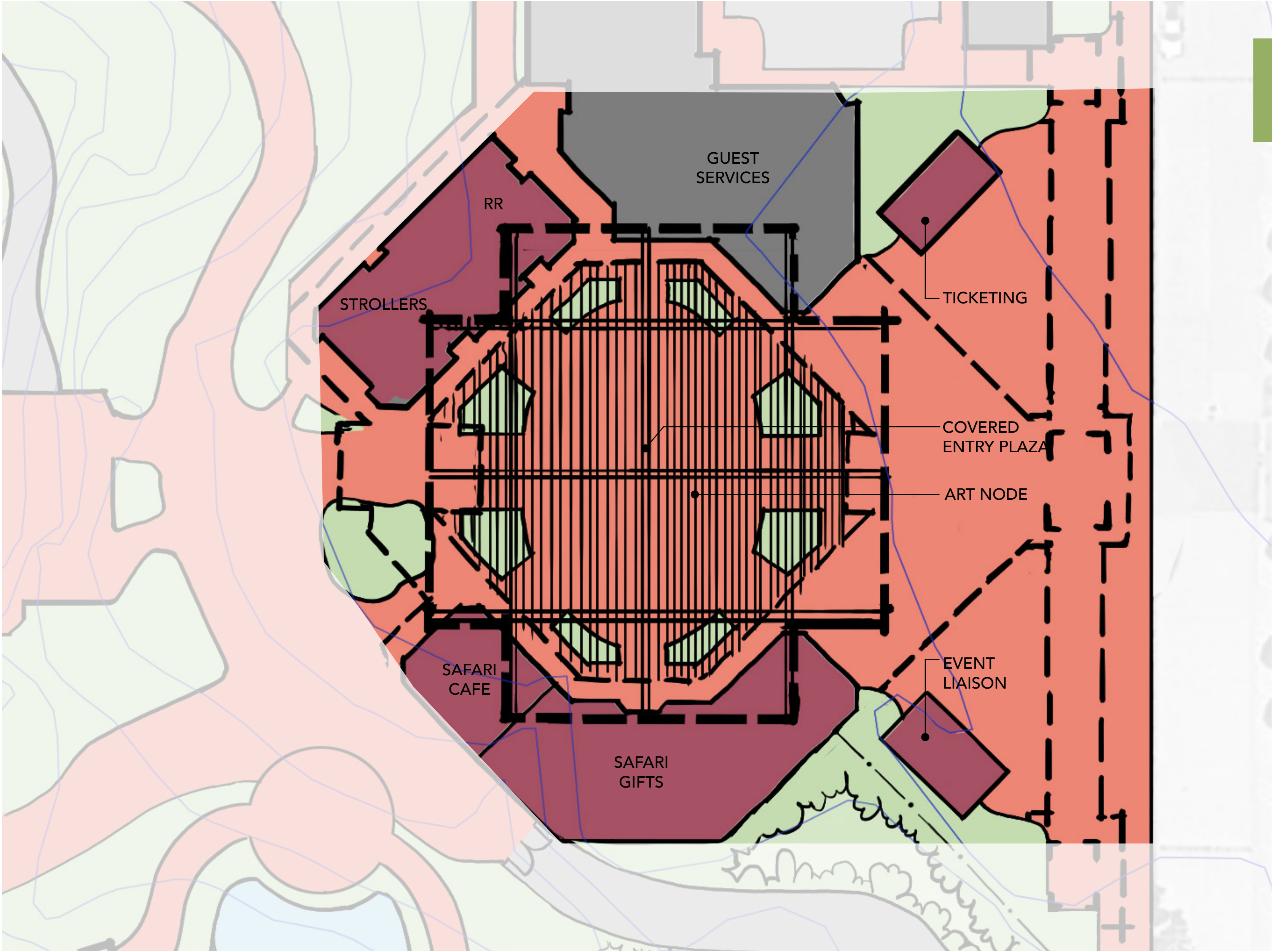


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Entry

Key Features & Program

Covered Entry	9500 SF
Modern Ticketing Booth	500 SF
Event Liaison Booth	500 SF
Improved Parking Lot	
Wayfinding	





An Elephant Herd with Room to Grow

As a leader in elephant care and management, the Zoo is lucky to be in a position of having a growing multi-generational herd of Asian elephants. To accommodate the growth of the herd and expand the ability to keep elephants in their natural family groups, this master plan expands Sanctuary Asia and sets a new standard for elephant care. The addition of a new elephant yard and the expansion of the existing elephant exhibit near Lotus Café are critical to create the necessary space for the growth of the heard in the years to come. By relocating the service road to the perimeter of the Zoo along the lake, the central area of Sanctuary Asia can be repurposed for animal space. In doing so, a more optimal use of land is achieved and the guest experience is improved by eliminating a confusing intersection at the Zoo. In the expanded exhibit, elephants roam freely across lush terrain and frolic in the refreshing waters of a sprawling waterhole. Hidden in that waterhole is the containment system for the elephants, making the landscape appear boundless. This innovative design not only prioritizes the well-being of the animals but also provides visitors with an immersive and unforgettable view shed.

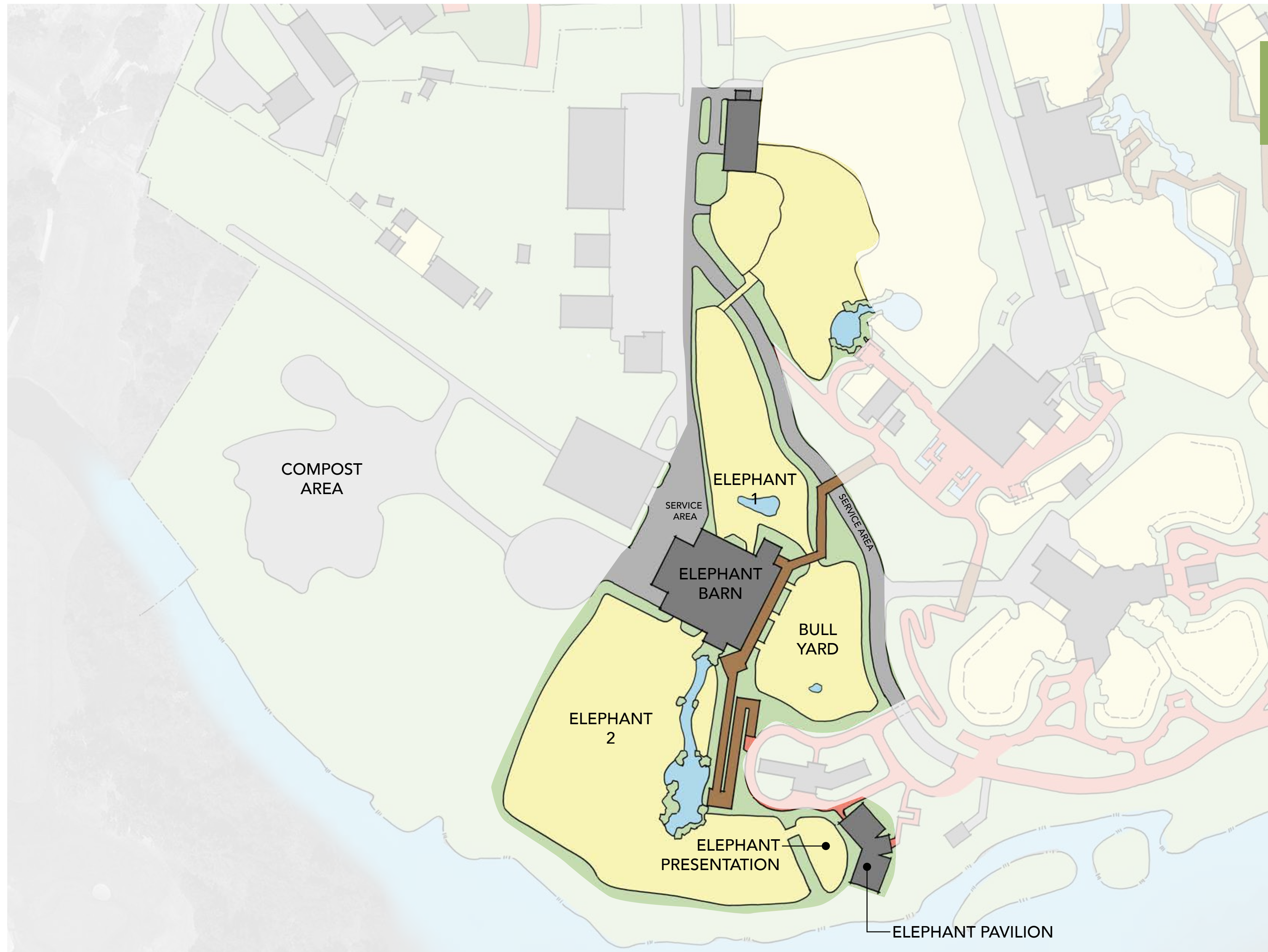
Beyond the traditional exhibit space lies an exciting rotational habitat, where keepers can seamlessly transition between different animal species, including Asian elephants, Indian rhinos, and Asian antelope. This dynamic environment offers a layered mixed species look, just as you would see in the savannas of India. From the vantage points of the Lotus Cafe or the exclusive new elephant suites available for overnight stays, guests can marvel at the diverse wildlife that calls these Asian plains home.

Complementing the outdoor space is the introduction of a state-of-the-art indoor elephant herd room, offering a sanctuary from inclement weather and a tranquil retreat for natural behavior. Equipped with spacious accommodations, a natural substrate floor, and a climate-controlled environment, the herd room serves as a place for elephants to socialize, engage in enrichment, and receive the highest quality of care as the herd grows.

Elephant Expansion



Existing Site



EXISTING SERVICE DRIVE NEAR ELEPHANT



EXISTING LAND BEHIND ELEPHANT HABITAT



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Elephant Expansion

Key Features

Herd Room

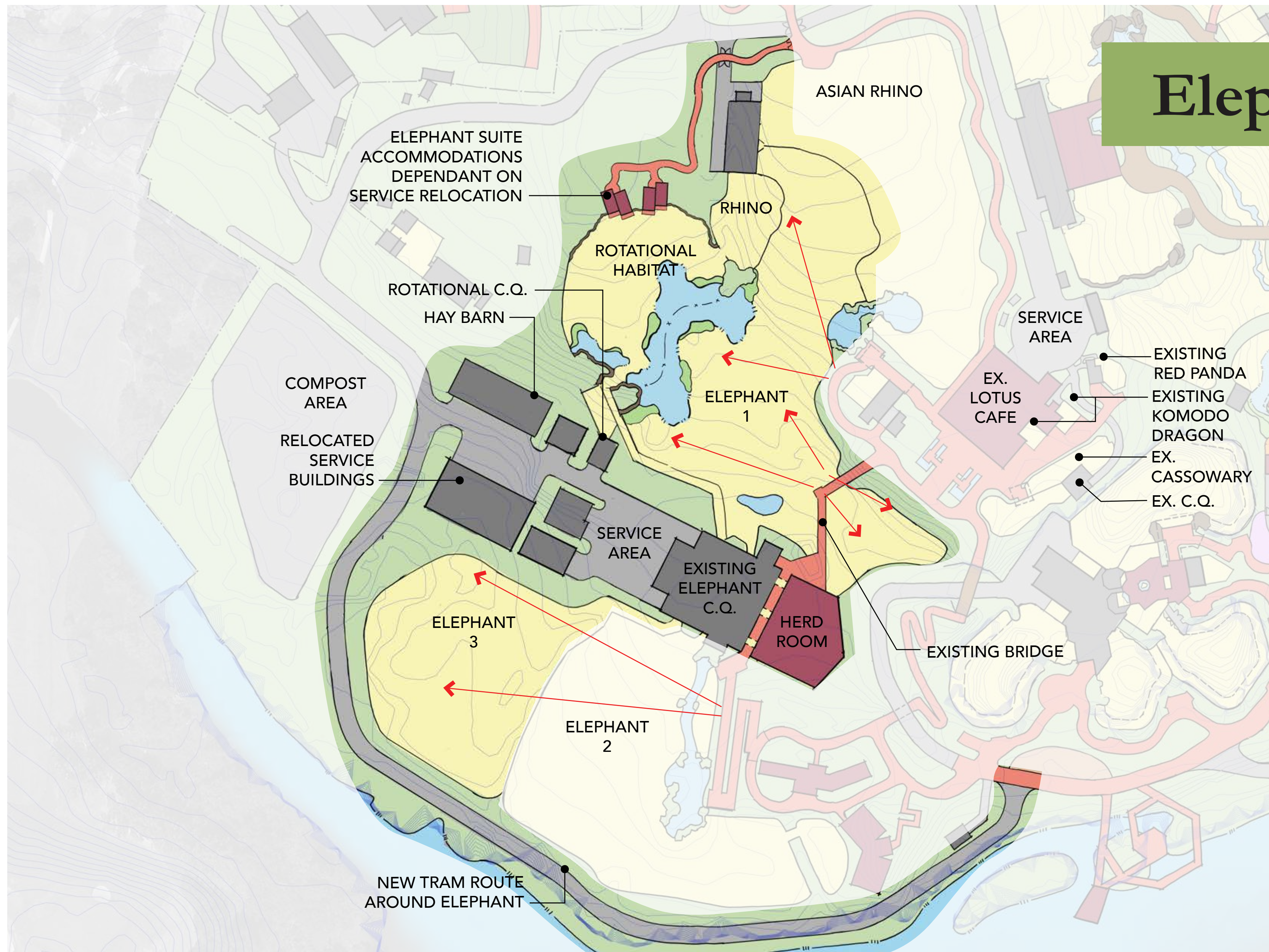
Expanded Space for Large Elephant Herd (2 additional acres)

Overnight Accommodations

New Tram Route Around Elephant

Program

Elephant 1	104,000 SF
Elephant 2	83,500 SF
Elephant 3	73,500 SF
Rotational Habitat	24,000 SF
Herd Room	11,000 SF
Overnight Accommodations	4 Units



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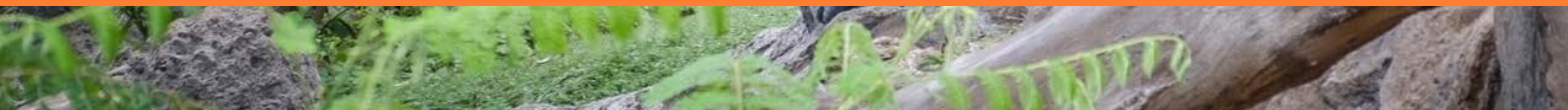
World Class Gorilla and Chimpanzee Viewing, Year Round

Welcome to the Congo Forest, a captivating exhibit renovation where guests embark on an immersive journey into the lush and vibrant ecosystem of Central Africa. As guests enter this updated exhibit they'll be introduced to a lively new addition: the black & white colobus monkeys. With their striking black and white fur and graceful acrobatics, these arboreal primates captivate audiences of all ages.

Down a forest path is a new shelter with glass walls adjacent to an updated gorilla habitat. Here visitors have a shaded opportunity to glimpse a gorilla nose-to-nose before they enter the Congo Forest building. Inside, guests are treated to a climate controlled space with intimate encounters of gorillas and chimpanzees in innovative day rooms. Large, filled with natural light and enrichment structures for climbing, these state-of-the-art day rooms provide guests with the opportunity observe great apes up close. With a glass front separating guests from the apes and an operable glass back offering views to the landscape, these day rooms are an ape version of an indoor-outdoor living room. Guests will gain an appreciation their social dynamics, intricate behaviors, and playful antics as they roam freely between their indoor and outdoor spaces.

New indoor day rooms for the gorillas and chimpanzees allow for the much-needed redesign of the original day rooms into behind scenes animal transfers and new guest facing interior exhibits showcasing the rich biodiversity of the Congo forests, including everything from elusive reptiles to vibrant amphibians. These African rainforest exhibits transform an experience once solely focused on large primates into an opportunity to introduce guests to a fragile ecosystem and share its unique conservation stories.

Congo Forest



Existing Site



EXISTING GORILLA CENTER ENTRANCE



EXISTING GORILLA C HABITAT



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Congo Forest

Key Features

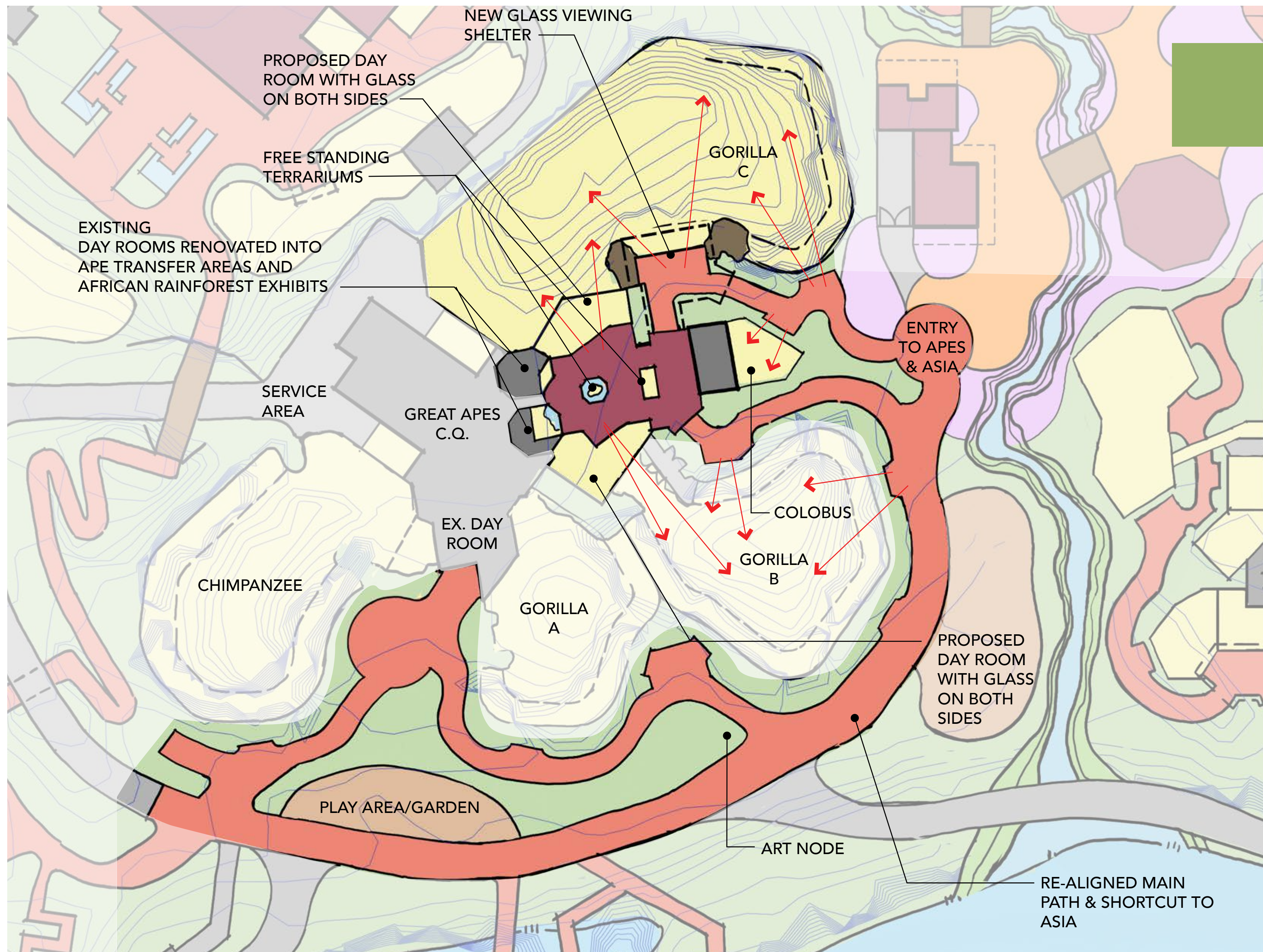
Colobus Exhibit & other Congo species

Glass Viewing Shelter for Gorilla C

Modern day rooms that connect to exhibits

Program

Gorilla C	22,500 SF
Gorilla C Day Room	1,100 SF
Gorilla B Day Room	1,400 SF
Colobus	1,000 SF
Rainforest Exhibit 1	70 SF
Rainforest Exhibit 2	270 SF
(2) Free Standing Terrariums	



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Enriching Exhibits for Fan Favorites

Step into the enchanting world of Feline Oasis, a series of immersive exhibits that transport guests into the diverse habitats and captivating lives of felines from every corner of the globe. This improved exhibit experience features larger jaguar and tiger exhibits, a big cat training demonstration wall, and seven completely renovated small cat exhibits. Designed as a series of habitats, each represents the natural environment the species of cat calls home. Ranging from the dense rainforests of South America to the vast deserts of Africa, this oasis highlights the variety cats in the animal kingdom and shows how each has adapted its individual environment.

The exhibit also incorporates a conservation message, shedding light on the challenges faced by wild cat populations due to habitat loss, poaching, and climate change. Feline Oasis not only captivates with its immersive experience but also serves to evoke both awe and respect for cat species large and small.

While felines make up the majority of this project area, spaces designated for play and native wildlife viewing are also included. As guests travel farther south toward Sanctuary Asia, they will find a nature based playground with logs and other natural elements used in lieu of traditional play equipment. Here, children will learn to see the natural environment as their playground and have the opportunity to play in a area more centrally located in the Zoo.

On the botanical side of the Zoo, this project area also includes the Bird Refuge Boardwalk. Focused on creating a habitat for native birds, the gardens in this area provide shelter and sustenance being while a quiet area for guests to enjoy bird watching with views of the lake. Hosting conservation messaging concerning local avian wildlife throughout, the Bird Refuge Boardwalk serves as an educational opportunity and allows visitors to appreciate Oklahoma's native wildlife.

Feline Oasis



Existing Site



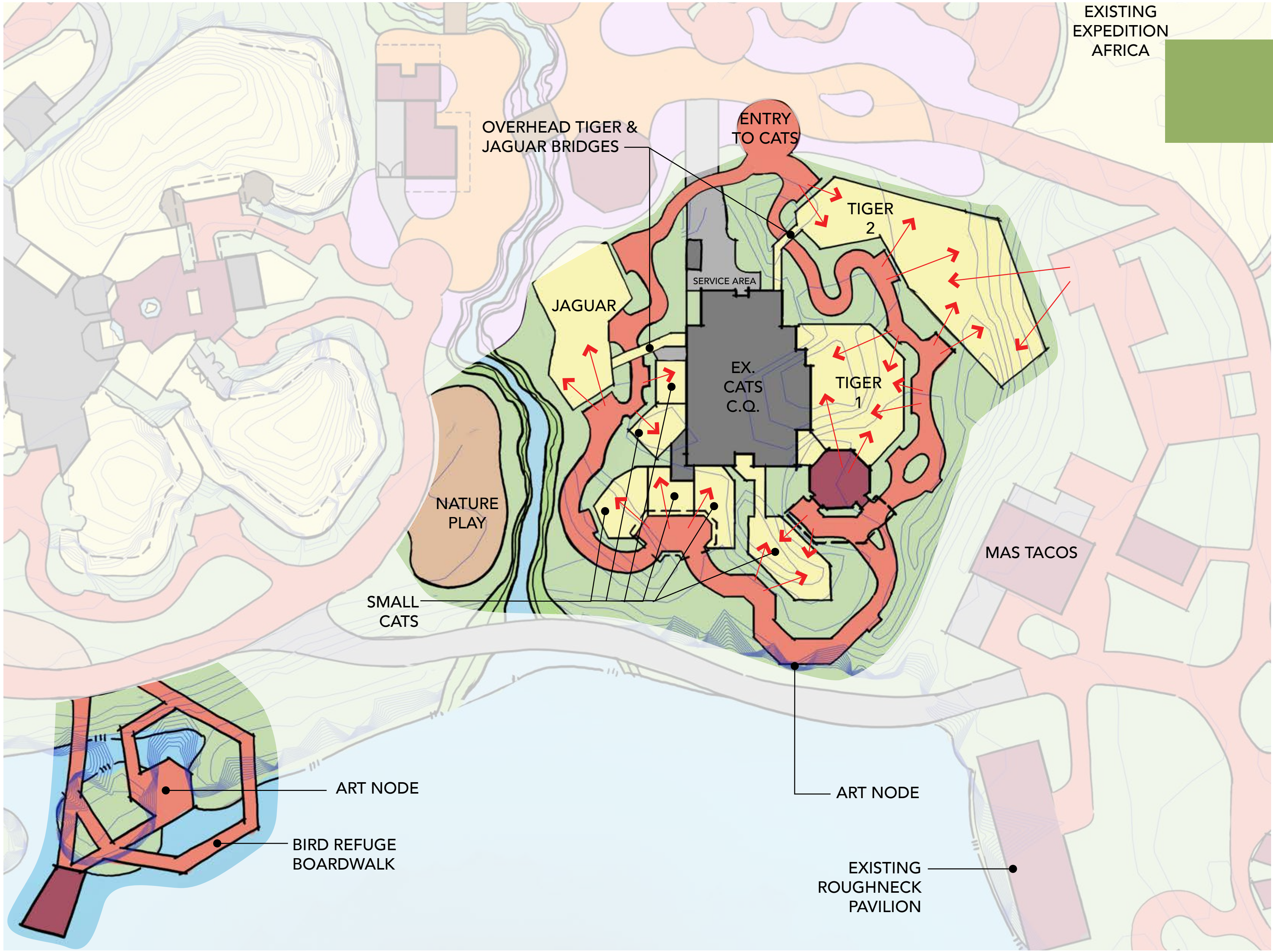
EXISTING JAGUAR HABITAT



EXISTING TIGER HABITAT



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Feline Oasis

Key Features

- Jaguar & Tiger Demonstration Wall
- Expanded Jaguar & Tiger Exhibits
- Nature Play Area

Program

Tiger 1	5,500 SF
Tiger 2	5,800 SF
Jaguar	4,800 SF
Small Cat 1	650 SF
Small Cat 2	1000 SF
Small Cat 3	1,400 SF
Small Cat 4	900 SF
Small Cat 5	1,200 SF



An Exploration of Global Biodiversity

Nestled along the lakeside path lies the new Biodiversity Hotspots building, a beacon of discovery showcasing the rich variety of life found in some of the world's most ecologically diverse regions. As visitors step through the glass doors, they are transported on a global journey through lush rainforests, and arid deserts, encountering a breathtaking array of wildlife and plants from across the globe. Within the confines of the building, guests encounter a harmonious mix of animal exhibits, a walk-through aviary, and interior gardens, each curated to highlight the unique biodiversity of its respective habitat.

From the dining room of the Canopy Restaurant, guests immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of nature while enjoying a meal and escaping the heat. As visitors dine, they'll witness the bustling activity of exotic birds, vibrant reptiles, and elusive mammals while having their curiosity piqued by the colors and textures of the interior gardens. Meanwhile, those traversing the guest path outside are treated to walk through views of the aviary from the upper level of the Biodiversity Hotspots building. Furthermore, guests will experience a new outdoor primate exhibit where playful monkeys activate the exterior path.

For those approaching from the lakeside path, the ground-level view of the Biodiversity Hotspots building's glass exterior soars skyward, coaxing guests to embark on a sensory journey through the world's most biologically diverse ecosystems. On the lake shore, an events tent nestled amidst aquatic gardens provides a picturesque backdrop for event rentals and gatherings; a tranquil oasis to celebrate and connect amidst the wonders of nature.

Farther down the path, guests seeking an additional bird experience will find a new climate controlled aviary. This building, focused solely on birds, will showcase a variety of species with the intent of enhancing the Zoo's collection and providing a space for conservation breeding of tropical birds.

Biodiversity Hotspots & Events

Existing Site



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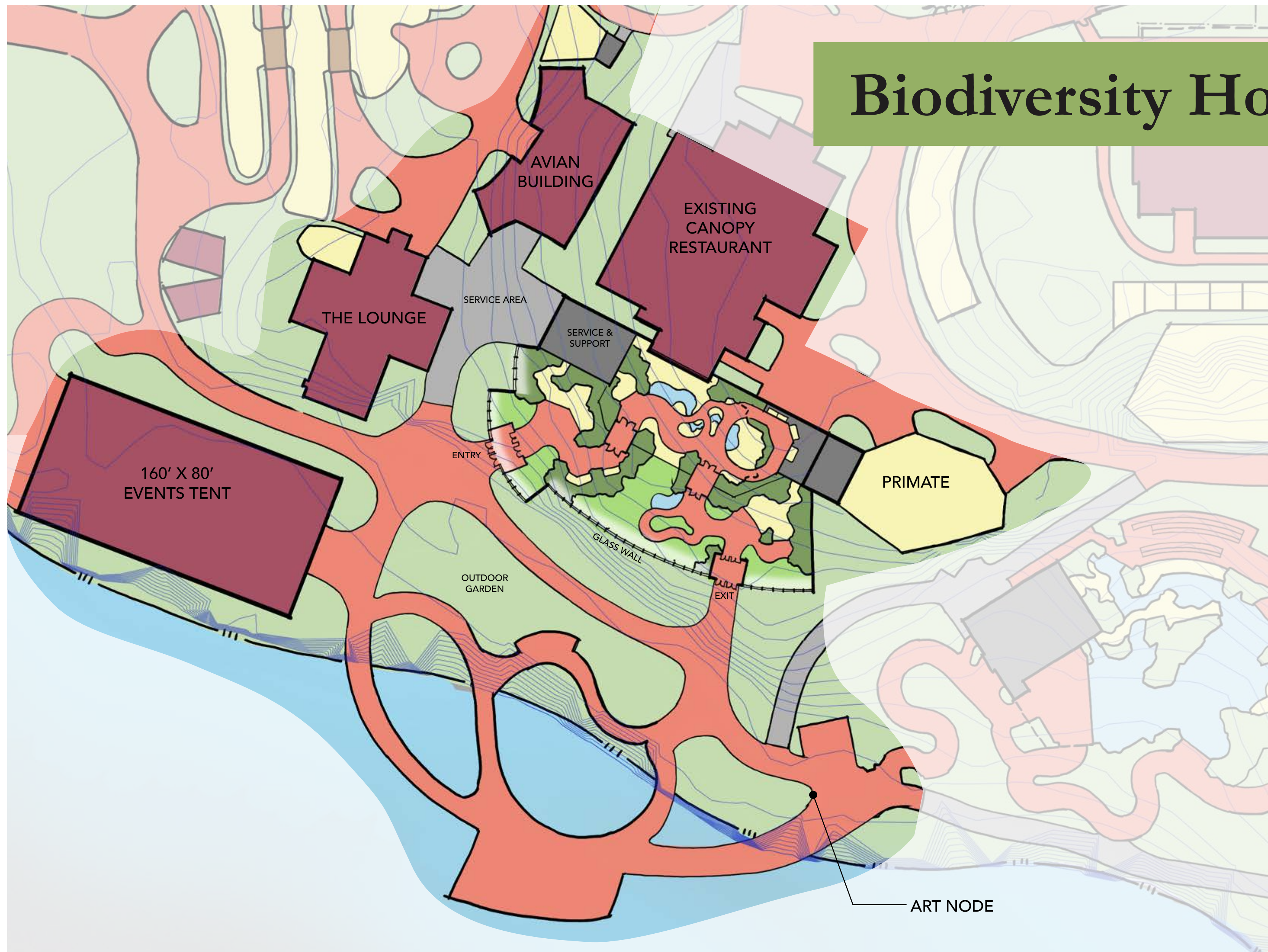


EXISTING EXHIBIT NEAR ZOO LAKE



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Biodiversity Hotspots & Events



Key Features

Biodiversity Building

Zoo Guest Lounge in the Historic Reptile House

Events Tent

Modern Aviary Building

Program

Biodiversity Building	18,700 SF
Aviary Building	4,400 SF
Zoo Guest Lounge	5,000 SF
Primate	4,000 SF
Events Tent	12,800 SF
	500 Seats

Biodiversity Hotspots

Key Features

Two-Level Viewing

Walk-Through Aviary

Indoor Gardens & Endangered Animal Habitats

Program

Aviary	5,900 SF
Exhibit 1	550 SF
Exhibit 2	600 SF
Terrarium Habitats	8





A Thoughtful Layout for the Future

Relocating the service area within the Oklahoma City Zoo is a strategic move poised to catalyze future expansion and enhance visitor experiences. By freeing up prime real estate previously occupied by service facilities, the Zoo gains invaluable space to introduce innovative exhibits, immersive attractions, and conservation initiatives. This relocation not only optimizes the layout of the Zoo but also allows for the future development of more spacious and engaging habitats for the diverse array of animal species housed within its grounds.

Moreover, relocating the service area streamlines logistical operations, improving efficiency and accessibility for staff while minimizing disruptions to guest experiences. With the addition of a service access road connecting back of house facilities situated in more strategic locations, maintenance crews can respond promptly to the needs of exhibits and amenities, ensuring that the Zoo remains a pristine and inviting destination for visitors of all ages. This shift not only optimizes workflow management but also enables the implementation of sustainable practices and infrastructure upgrades, aligning with the Zoo's commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible resource management. As the Oklahoma City Zoo looks toward the future, the relocation of its service area lays a solid foundation for continued growth, innovation, public engagement, and excellence in wildlife conservation.

Service & Support



Existing Site

SERVICE BUILDING 1

SERVICE BUILDING 2

SERVICE BUILDING 3

SERVICE AREA

EXISTING AMPHITHEATER

SERVICE AREA

SERVICE BUILDING 4

SERVICE BUILDING 5

SERVICE BUILDING 6

SERVICE BUILDING 7

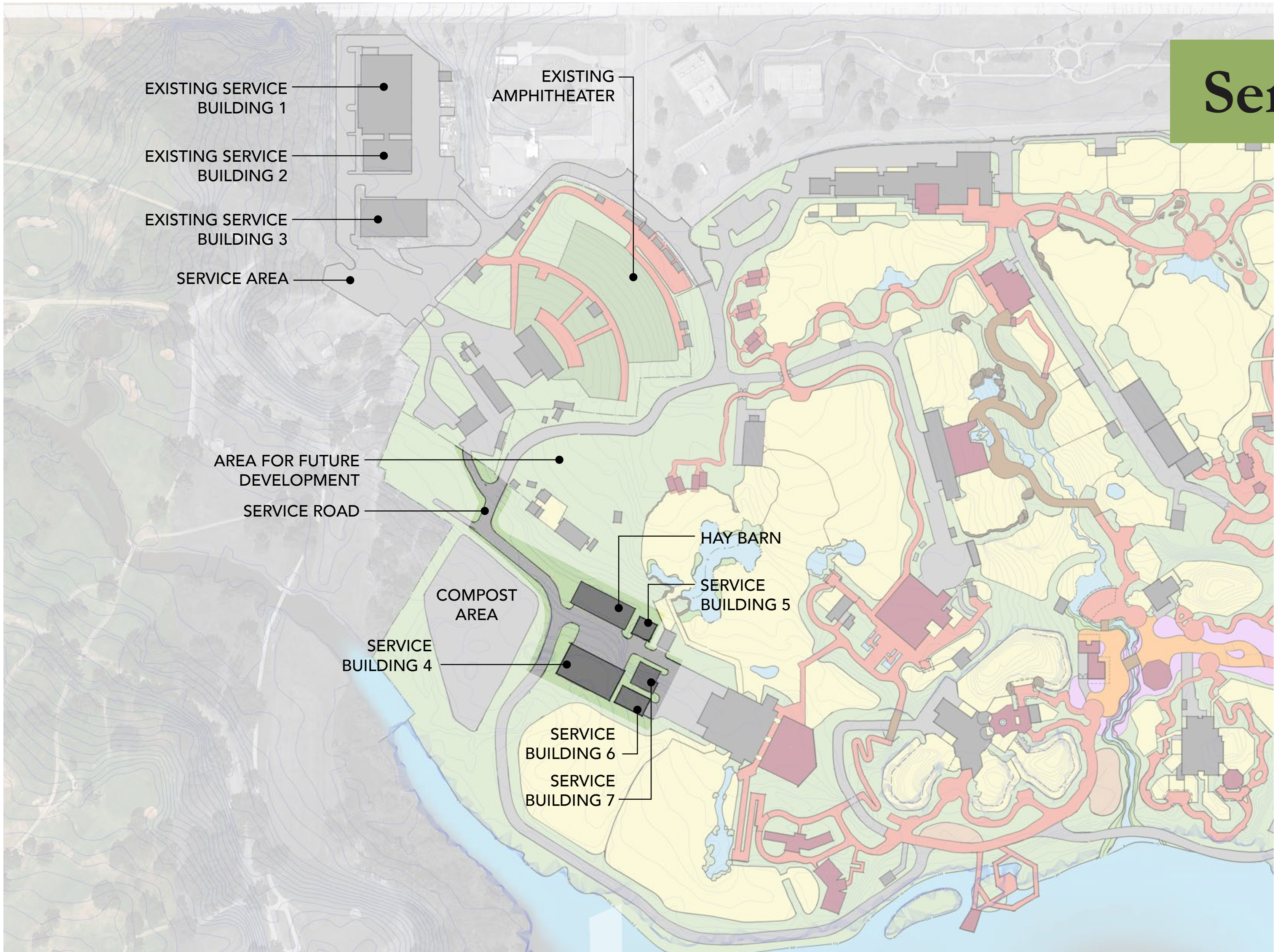


EXISTING SERVICE DRIVE



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Service & Support

Key Features

- Four new service buildings in a consolidated service core
- Service Road connecting service areas

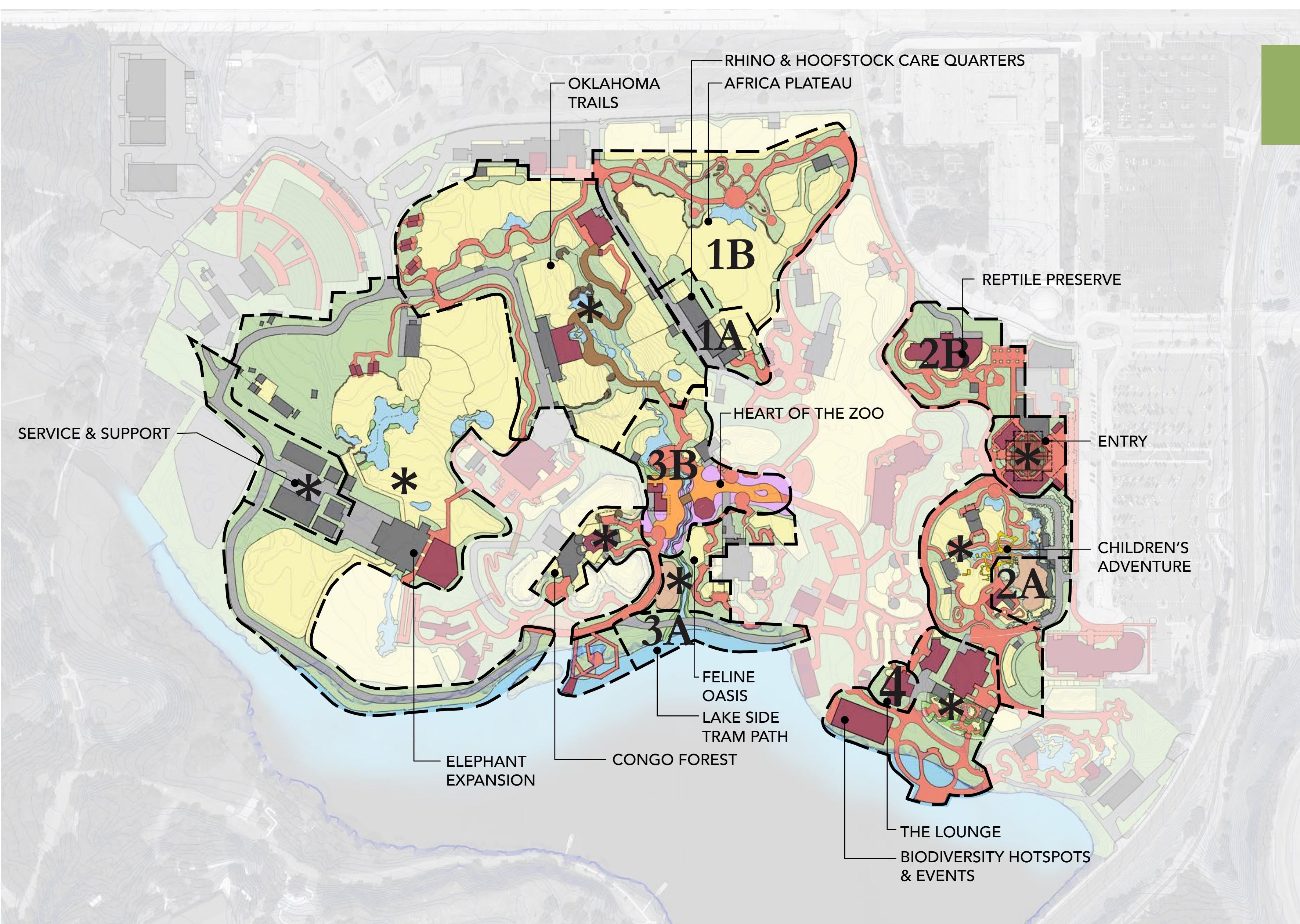
Program

Service Building 4	8,500 SF
Service Building 5	1,500 SF
Service Building 6	2,400 SF
Service Building 7	2,400 SF



Making It Happen

Project Order



Legend

Priority Projects

- 1A Rhino & Hoofstock Care Quarters
- 1B Africa Plateau
- 2A Children's Adventure Nature Play
- 2B Reptile Preserve
- 3A Lake Side Tram Path
- 3B Heart of the Zoo
- 4 The Lounge

* Projects of Opportunity

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Entry | Congo Forest |
| Oklahoma Trails | Biodiversity |
| Elephant | Hotspots & Events |
| Expansion | Service & Support |
| Feline Oasis | |

Notes

- Projects in this Master Plan are not scheduled to be open by a specific date and the Plan in total is not time constrained.
- Priority projects have been selected based on immediate facility needs, impactful improvements to animal well-being, and enhancement of the guest experience.
- It is not necessary to construct priority or projects of opportunity in a specific order, but the priority projects will have a larger impact on the aforementioned criteria.

Project Projections

Notes

- Range of project budgets listed provide the Zoo with the flexibility to pursue portions of a project or the entire scope based on current or future needs.
- Budgets listed are estimated total project costs including owner's soft costs and construction costs. They are listed in 2023 dollar values and do not include escalation as the project dates are to be determined.
- Durations listed are estimated to include a design phase and construction phase. Durations can be overlapped on top of one another to have multiple projects run simultaneously.

Total Master Plan Budget
Between \$115M and \$230M

