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2008 Bond Program

In 2008, Portland-area voters overwhelmingly passed a bond measure to fund habitat and infrastructure upgrades at the Oregon Zoo. Animal well-being and conservation education were top priorities.

Major projects completed:

Condors of the Columbia

For the first time in a century, critically endangered California condors can be seen in Oregon – right here at Oregon Zoo. Condors of the Columbia puts the historic recovery program on view, highlighting how together, we are bringing them back from the brink of extinction.

Elephant Lands

The expansive, award-winning habitat promotes activity and choice, with a variety of terrains and feeding methods that mimic the grazing habits of wild elephants.

Primate Forest

This habitat improvement provides the chimpanzees with more complex spaces, including interchangeable, three-dimensional structures with climbing elements and a hammock. It also allows extended families flexibility to socialize.

Veterinary Medical Center

The Veterinary Medical Center enhances animal holding options, increases safety and comfort and reduces stress for animals.



Education Center

An award-winning model of sustainability, the Education Center was designed to inspire young minds and serve as a regional hub for conservation. It also provides habitat for the zoo's invertebrates and western pond turtles, and features a Nature Exploration Station, nature play area, and pollinator garden.

Penguinarium

A new water system saves seven million gallons of water each year. Overall water use has decreased by more than 90 percent because the pool water is now filtered rather than being drained and refilled.

Polar Passage

The new polar bear habitat provides bears with long views, natural substrate, and more space, including two deep pools for swimming and diving.



To learn more about the 2024 Oregon Zoo Phase 2 Bond program, visit oregonzoo.org/bond.