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You Otter See What We're Building Now!

by Scott Truehl, Executive Vice President

While Friede & Associates does most of its work for two-legged creatures, some of our most unique design-build projects are built for our four-legged friends.

In fact, we recently completed the first phase of construction for a brand new North American River Otter Exhibit for Ochsner Park Zoo in Baraboo, Wisconsin. This \$355,000 project included the development of the site, the viewing area and the building construction. The Friends of the Baraboo Zoo have begun fundraising for the second phase of the project, which will include the aquatics and ultimately the purchase of a pair of otters.

Our longstanding relationship with Ochsner Park and The Friends of the Baraboo Zoo spans 15 years. During that time, our work has included construction of two other specialty animal habitats: the Black Bear Exhibit in 2002 and the Lynx Exhibit in 2012. The new exhibit is located near the lynx exhibit. While all animal exhibits have water features, this project will require a largely aquatic environment for the otters.

We were pleased when the Baraboo Parks Commission and the Baraboo City Council voted unanimously to authorize city officials to draft a contract with Friede & Associates and our design partner Mente Engineering to head up the much-anticipated river otter exhibit. Rather than navigate another time-consuming bidding process, the city and the Friends of the Baraboo Zoo chose our firm to build the exciting, new exhibit.



The interior of the structure illustrates the complexity of this facility with its extensive plumbing and tank storage. Work was completed in phases to allow for minimal disruption of operations.

Design-build construction—Friede's specialty—is a smart method of project delivery for this work. For starters, it allows for an accelerated start of construction because a less detailed design is required prior to the start of the project, allowing more of an overlap of design and construction activities. The design-build team also offers the owner a single source of responsibility and accountability for the entire project—providing all the project's required planning, design and construction services in a single contract. [Want more information about the design-build project and how your project can benefit? Visit www.friede.com/how-to-get-more-building-for-less-ebook]

For this design-build project, Friede and Ochsner staff worked together to guarantee that specific exhibit needs were met, while ensuring the project met the budget,

schedule and quality standards our client requires.

The Ochsner Zoo first opened in 1926 with two bear cubs and now has more than 18 different animal species. The zoo also offers regular educational and enrichment programs. A USDA licensed facility, the zoo accepts animals born in captivity from licensed zoos and animals not releasable in the wild due to injury. Friede & Associates is pleased to have worked on this fun, new project and appreciates the trust our longtime client has placed in us to help expand the Ochsner Zoo.

Please consider contributing to help The Friends of the Baraboo Zoo complete their fundraising efforts to enhance Ochsner Park Zoo by adding the North American River Otter Exhibit.

To donate online, visit www.gofundme.com/OtterDisplay

Wishing you a peaceful and happy holiday season,
and a prosperous and healthy New Year,
from all of us at Friede & Associates.

Friede Breaks Ground On New Kalahari Resorts Convention Center

Friede & Associates is working with longstanding client Kalahari Resorts & Conventions and architectural firm ADCI on this 115,000-square-foot expansion of meeting space and facilities at Kalahari's Wisconsin Dells location. Slated for completion in September 2019, the project will expand total meeting space to 230,000 square feet. Plans also call for the construction of a new 56,000-square-foot ballroom augmenting the facility's existing ballrooms, as well as space for up to 10 new private conference spaces, bringing the total meeting rooms tally up to 45.



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