

BROOKFIELD ZOO

Hamill Family Nature and Science Plaza

Forest Preserve District of Cook County / Brookfield, Illinois



Date/Budget	2018 / \$7,000,000
Facility/Site	1.5 acre Specialty Land Development and restaurant Renovation
Reference	John Grube, 630-850-4331 Board President

Project Scope

Three main areas were developed: a Backyard Discovery Garden, Adventure Woods, and Central Plaza. They included ten, themed gardens with water features, and climbing and play elements.

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The Featherstone Difference

The Zoo had received a generous donation for the development of The Hamill Family Nature and Science Plaza and Featherstone evaluated the concept against dollars allocated. The substantial differential discovered, nearly doubled the projected budget for the promised facility. Looking to establish a development program based on parameters stated in the pledge letter, a proviso requiring programmatic elements be self-sustainable was identified by Featherstone. With this strategy in mind, industry expert consultant, Profitable Foods was enlisted to reboot the onsite concessionaire operations to provide additional revenue generation for the Zoo.

With a truly, credible cost estimate and a plan for programmatic sustainability, Featherstone assisted the Zoo with raising the additional funds needed to develop the design and complete the construction. By establishing a performance history with the donor and providing accurate and transparent cost information, Featherstone helped the Zoo establish a happy and trust-based relationship with their benefactors. Additional, significant funds were garnered from the donor because they were secure in knowing that there would be no further financial support needed to complete the project. This solution proffered by Featherstone won over the donor, all over again.



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