

MESKER PARK ZOO IMPROVEMENTS

Evansville, Indiana

Observations / Overview: Mesker Park Zoo and Botanical Gardens is a considerable part of Evansville’s history and will continue to play a large role in the City’s future. The Zoo has received considerable support over its history and is well positioned to grow and expand on existing grounds via civic support. The Zoo helps to create a family-friendly and affordable recreation destination for families of the regional workforce.

Zoos can provide unique experiences and are a resource that provides considerable quality of life pursuits. Implementing improvements from the Zoo’s master plan will improve the Evansville brand.

The zoo is supported by the region and greater tri-state area. Businesses use the Zoo for corporate events. The private sector has helped to raise funding for new and expanding facilities. Funding is a mix of corporate, family and individual contributions.



Project funding summary:

Carousel & aviary	\$3,500,000
Penguins exhibit	\$5,000,000
Africa exhibit	\$8,000,000

Mesker Park Zoo Improvements	Public	Private	Regional Cities	Total
Carosuel - Aviary		\$ 3,500,000		\$ 3,500,000
Future Penguin Exhibit		\$ 5,000,000		\$ 5,000,000
Future Africa Exhibit		\$ 8,000,000		\$ 8,000,000
Total		\$ 16,500,000		\$ 16,500,000

