

The New Happy Hollow Park & Zoo Project Fact Sheet

Opening for New Memories March 20, 2010

The Project

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo in San Jose has been a part of Bay Area families since it opened its' gates in 1961. With its unique combination of children's rides, amusements, a Puppet Theater, play areas and an accredited Zoo with over 150 animals, from endangered lemurs to miniature horses. The Park closed its gates after 46 years on July 9, 2008, for a \$72 million green renovation. The scope of the project includes the renovation of the 12 acres of existing ride areas and Zoo, as well as adding 4 additional acres to the facility which include several new animal exhibits, Veterinary and commissary buildings, Education Center, Guest Services and Gift Shop, Restaurant, new parking lot and pedestrian bridge, and updates the facility to meet all ADA requirements.

The New Happy Hollow will combine innovative green architecture with whimsical fun and upon completion, this project will apply to become certified under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program.

Funding

In 2000, voters approved proposition P, the Parks Bond Act that dedicated \$52 million to the renovation of Happy Hollow Park & Zoo. Over the years the project has gained an additional \$20 million from the C&C taxes fund and from savings from other Parks Bond projects.

What's New?

- **Education Center** - Learning L.O.D.G.E. (Learn, Observe, Discover, Go Explore!) The greenest of all the new buildings and built out of hay bales – the Learning L.O.D.G.E. will be the center of educational activity for the new facility.
- **Doc's Critter Care** – the new animal hospital featuring indoor and outdoor quarantine, surgery and radiology facilities.
- **Giggle Grove** – the new rides area featuring the Kiddie Swings, Frog Hopper, and returning ride favorites, the Granny Bugs and the Mini Putts.
- **Family Rides** – a spectacular Keep-Around-Carousel that features endangered species characters, Pacific Fruit Express Family Roller Coaster, and an "Extreme Make-Over" of the beloved Danny the Dragon Ride.
- **Double H Ranch Exhibit** - includes expansive animal contact area with an additional play areas for children. The area features the Animal Barn, which will offer close contact with domestic species along with new exhibits of animals typically found in a barn.
- **Explore and More Retail Shop** - 1500 square feet of shopping!
- **Lemur Woods Exhibit** – featuring endangered lemurs with a parallel play area for children to hop, jump and move like a lemur!
- **Redwood Lookout** play area is perfect for multiple age groups with an area for toddlers, a sitting area for parents and then a larger play structure for older children. Built to model a Ranger lookout station, the giant play structure is nestled in the redwoods with slides, swings, ropes and climbing areas.
- **New Fossa Exhibit** – the largest member of the mongoose family, it is the largest carnivore and top predator native to Madagascar. Happy Hollow will be one of 22 facilities in the United States to exhibit this endangered species and the only Zoo in the Bay Area.





- **The Wilds** with the new Parma Wallaby Exhibit
- **Entry Plaza** the home to the whimsical public art created by internationally known artist Tom Otterness. The artwork entitled *Another World* is a bronze menagerie of both animals found in the zoo and whimsical ones found in the Park.
- **Picnic Basket Restaurant** - 2400 square feet of indoor and outdoor dining space, which will accommodate 162 guests outside, and 54 inside.
- **Expansion of the Backyard Habitat Exhibit** to include Beehives and living examples of how to attract wildlife to your yard.
- Renovation of the pot-bellied pig exhibit into a **collard peccary exhibit.**
- **525-space parking** lot built on capped landfill with suspended network arch pedestrian bridge to the new facility.

The Familiar

The Happy Hollow that many folks grew up with will still be with us. The familiar sights of the Crooked House, the lower Zoo, the Mini Put-Putt cars and the Granny Bug Rides will still be here. Oh - and of course Danny the Dragon ride, will be part of the new Happy Hollow experience, he'll just be "greener".

Being Green

Green components include:

- Seven green (growing) roofs with native plant species to provide habitat for wildlife
- Radiant flooring for cooling and heating of buildings – no HVAC in buildings, with the exception of the restaurant and part of the medical building.
- Hay Bale Construction in Education Center
- Recycled water used for non-potable functions throughout facility
- Porous asphalt paving
- Sustainable storm water management – designed to keep all rainfall on site
- Clerestory windows in all buildings for lighting and heating & cooling
- Sustainable materials throughout the project
- Recycled base rock throughout the project
- Recycled glass in the entry plaza
- Low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints
- The use of Forest Stewardship Council certified wood framing and recycled plastic lumber

Project Team

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