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## DINOLFO ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF FEMALE SNOW LEOPARD AT SENECA PARK ZOO

*New snow leopard arrives in anticipation of new habitat opening this spring*

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials are excited to announce the arrival of a female snow leopard in anticipation of the new snow leopard habitat opening in May. A one-year-old named Timila, the snow leopard comes to Seneca Park Zoo from Metro Richmond Zoo in Virginia where she was born in May of 2016.

*“The addition of a new female snow leopard to our Seneca Park Zoo is just one of the many exciting additions coming to the Zoo this year,” says **Dinolfo**. “We welcome Kaba to our Zoo family and encourage all in the community to take advantage of the upcoming school break to visit our newest member of our Zoo family.”*

Timila will join the Zoo’s 7-year-old male snow leopard, Kaba, in the current habitat by the Main Zoo Building. The pair will ultimately move to a new, state-of-the-art snow leopard habitat once construction of the new Cold Asia area next to the animal hospital is complete this spring.

**Zoo Director Larry Sorel** said the snow leopard will go through a brief observation period before staff begins introducing her to Kaba. *“Animal care staff will be carefully monitoring Timila to ensure she’s adjusting well to the habitat before beginning introductions with her new male companion.”*

The Cold Asia area is part of the Zoo’s multi-year transformation and will also feature a habitat for red panda, a species new to the Zoo.

*“Timila will serve as another ambassador for her species, helping us educate guests about the formidable threats snow leopards face in their natural range.”* said **Pamela Reed Sanchez, President and CEO of Seneca Park Zoo Society**. *“This an exciting sign of the progress in the Zoo’s transformation. We encourage guests to participate in the ‘A Wilder Vision’ campaign to support and expand this transformation.”*

Through March 31, the Zoo is open every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with last entry at 3 p.m.

Zoo Director Larry Sorel will be available to discuss the new addition of the snow leopard at 10:00 AM.

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