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DINOLFO KICKS-OFF DEMOLITION OF ANTIQUATED MAIN ZOO BUILDING AT SENECA PARK ZOO

Removal of outdated 1931 structure makes way for planned Tropics Complex

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** joined Seneca Park Zoo officials to kick-off demolition of the antiquated Main Zoo Building at Seneca Park Zoo. The Main Zoo Building's demolition marks culmination of the County's first phase of Master Plan improvements at Seneca Park Zoo, which included the new Cold Asia habitats and ZooTram, as well as the Animals of the Savanna expansion.

"Following our recent Cold Asia and Animals of the Savanna expansions, the demolition of the Main Zoo Building paves the way for another exciting addition under Phase One of our Master Plan improvements – a brand new Tropics Complex, featuring gorillas, orangutans, and lemurs," said **Dinolfo**. *"By tearing down this old facility, we are really taking the next steps to build an even brighter future for our Zoo while enhancing the role it will play in supporting stronger families in Monroe County for generations to come."*

The building was decommissioned over the summer with all resident zoo animals being relocated to other areas of Seneca Park Zoo or other zoos around the country. Removal of the outdated 1931 structure makes way for a second phase of Master Plan improvements, to include a new Tropics Complex, featuring gorillas, orangutans and lemurs.

Demolition of the Main Zoo Building is expected to wrap-up before the end of this year. Upon its conclusion, the footprint it once occupied will be graded and planted with grass, for the time being. Planning and design of the new Tropics Complex, which will take its place, as well as entry plaza improvements will begin in 2019, with construction commencing in 2020 and an anticipated opening date of 2022.

From November through April, Seneca Park Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with last entry at 3 p.m.

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