Waterfowl Lake Area - Overall Plan
Waterfowl Lake Area - Enlarged Site Plan

Safari Camp Structure - Tents on wood platforms
Safari Camp - Fabric tent with rain screen
Splash Zone

Waterfowl Lake Area - Enlarged Site Plan

New Guest Walkway
Plaza + 274
Event Space
Safari Camp

ADA Guest Parking
Beech Wood Drive
Crise Fountain
Waterfowl Lake + 264.80
Lakeside Pavilion
New Guest Parking

In the spring of 2023, the Zoo will embark on a multi-million-dollar reconstruction of its parking lots, replacing impervious surfaces with a combination of functional parking spaces and a cutting-edge stormwater management system. This project is being funded by the generous support of the State of Maryland.

Parking Lots A and B are being renovated under this project. These lots were constructed with a paver surface that was considered progressive and environmentally-advanced at the time that it was installed in the 1970s. Over the years, unfortunately, the lots have become an impervious surface, with rainwater running off the parking lots and causing damage to adjacent parkland. Due to potholes and ruts, the surface has become challenging upon which to walk, drive, or push a stroller or wheelchair.

Using the latest engineering innovations, the new parking lots will be seamlessly integrated into a brand-new stormwater management system, improving the quality and providing better control of the stormwater that flows into The Jones Falls. Beyond the environmental benefits of the project, the new parking lots will greatly enhance the first and last impressions of Zoo visitors, with better surface conditions for both parking and walking.
Druid Lake Vision

Baltimore City is in the final stages of installing two tanks for storage of drinking water under the western third of Druid Lake. After installation, the land above the tanks is envisioned to become new park space, including a new band shell. The City plans to convert the remaining eastern part of the reservoir into a publicly accessible lake.

The City’s Recreation & Parks Department has embarked upon a design process for this additional park and amenity space. The goals are to: (1) deliver a vision worthy of the nation’s great public parks; (2) proactively engage in community programming; (3) reinvent the reservoir as an ecological, interconnected, recreational lake; and (4) deliver restorative justice through creation of an accessible park. It is hoped that Phase One of the project will be delivered in Fiscal Year 2023. The Zoo will work closely with the City to connect to these important park improvements and complement the efforts to reinvigorate this extraordinary park.

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