

Mammoth and Mastodon Sculpture Conservation Project



In 2008, the Zoo will start construction on a new \$25-30 million exhibit, ***African Elephant Crossing*** (opening 2011). Plans require that sections of the 1956 pachyderm building be demolished, including exterior walls where Viktor Schreckengost's 30-ton terra cotta masterpieces — ***Mammoth and Mastodon*** — have hung for 50 years.

Cleveland Zoological Society / Cleveland Metroparks Zoo are working with expert advisors to develop a conservation and public art plan for these important works of art. The Intermuseum Conservation Association, Urban Design Institute, Cleveland Public Art and Case Western Reserve University are all partnering to ensure the project fulfills its potential.

Art is a powerful tool used by zoos to help visitors make an emotional connection to endangered species. These sculptures document the cultural importance of animals in human culture and offer visitors a tactile learning experience.

We plan to unveil the vibrant, fully restored ***Mammoth and Mastodon*** in 2010. The sculptures will grace the Zoo's Front Entrance, helping welcome and orient visitors.



Viktor Schreckengost: a Cleveland — and National — Treasure

National Medal of Arts recipient

“The American Leonardo da Vinci” – Henry Adams, Case
Western Reserve University

“The most influential designer of the 20th century” – John
Spirk, Nottingham & Spirk



Project Goals

Honor the legacy of mid-century master Viktor Schreckengost
Restore & relocate the largest ceramic animal sculptures in the US

Project Timeline

2008: de-installation

2008-09: art conservation treatment; landscape architecture plans

2010: reinstallation & public dedication of new entrance

Project Budget & funding Plan:

Goal: \$750,000 to \$1 million

Secured to date: \$300,000

This is a joint effort of the nonprofit Cleveland Zoological Society (75%) and Cleveland Metroparks (25%). Private donations will underwrite the cost of conserving and reinstalling the works, documenting the conservation process and generating public awareness. Donations to the nonprofit Cleveland Zoological Society are 100% tax-deductible and may be pledged through December 2009.

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