

Denver Zoological Foundation

[Third Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement]

Agreement Background

PARTNERSHIP HISTORY

1. The Denver Zoo's story began in 1896 with the donation of an American Black Bear named Billy Bryan to Denver's Mayor.
2. First entered into partnership in 1956 "for the development of park and recreational facilities, programs and activities and for the establishment and maintenance of the museums, zoological or other gardens."
3. The Denver Zoo is a vital partner in wildlife management, conservation, and education across Denver's vast park system, including:
 - a. Reducing human-wildlife conflict
 - b. Bison herd management best practices
 - c. Research in ecology and animal sciences
4. The Denver Zoo is a Tier 1 organization of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District

STRATEGIC GOALS ALIGNMENT

1. ADAPTING to a changing climate to enhance resiliency, environmental sustainability, and habitat restorations.
2. GROWING and DIVERSIFYING facilities and programs to enhance public education and engagement equitably and accessibly.
3. REINVESTING in partnerships to enhance programming and environmental impacts and cultivate the next generation of stewards.
4. And CONNECTING to Denver's culture and community through innovative, nature-based programming and activities.

Description

This third amendment to the cooperative agreement updates various provisions of the contract to ensure the continuity of operations of the Denver Zoo, to clarify responsibilities of the parties, and to support the Zoo's significant investments to the Denver Zoo facilities and the Denver community at large.

- Extends the term of the agreement from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2048, with subsequent ten year automatic renewals until the parties agree upon new terms.
- Increases the threshold for which capital construction projects must be reviewed and approved by DPR from \$50,000 to \$250,000, and makes the threshold subject to CPI.
- Adds new language outlining the approval of the cooperative agreement and this amendment by Bond and Special Counsel to ensure the Denver Zoo is compliant with any and all limitations or restrictions of the use of bond financing. The new language includes the review of Denver Zoo contracts by Bond Counsel to ensure the same.
- Adds new protected classes to the non-discrimination clause.



DPR and Zoo staff in the field at Echo Lake