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Delaware County—Columbus Zoo seeks funding from Delaware County Port Authority

The Columbus Zoo is planning a new “Safari Africa” exhibit and is proposing a continuation of a partnership with the Delaware County Port Authority. A similar financing model was used for the construction of the Polar Bear exhibit at the Columbus Zoo several years ago. Join us for a presentation by Tom Stalf, CEO and President, Tuesday, August 13, at 5:30 pm in the Commissioner Meeting Room, 101 N. Sandusky St., in Delaware.

The “Safari Africa” project will be a 43-acre exhibit, including walkways and viewing areas, and featuring an open African veldt roaming area. The area will include a watering hole, individual habitats for lions, cheetahs, meerkats and monkeys, a giraffe-feeding area, a zip line, a special events tent and transportation to the area from inside the zoo's front gate.

The Delaware County Port Authority is authorized and empowered to issue revenue bonds to assist in the financing of costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping certain improvements for economic development purposes; to enter into a loan agreements; and to secure revenue bonds. To this end, the Columbus Zoological Park Association will present their plans on August 13 for consideration for funding.

Interviews in advance are available by calling Teri Morgan at (740) 833-2109.

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