



DETROIT ZOO ♦ BELLE ISLE NATURE CENTER

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Dear Neighbors:

For years, we have regularly communicated with residents in Huntington Woods regarding construction projects that might affect those who live across from and/or near the Detroit Zoo. To that end, we apologize for the stoppage/delay to construction on a renovated and expanded tiger habitat due to contractor issues, and want to inform you that the work has recommenced.

You may occasionally hear construction noise similar to a garbage truck or snow plow. Demolition of the moat wall has the potential to be louder; however, after this work is completed, noise should again be modest. Work is planned to take place through next spring and we expect the newly renovated tiger habitat to debut shortly thereafter.

Our landscaping plan – approved by the Huntington Woods Planning Commission, along with the habitat design plan – includes the addition of berms, trees and bushes to both the interior of the habitat as well as to the perimeter. Completion of the proposed landscape plan will create a natural buffer between the tiger habitat and the homes on Huntington Road and will ultimately provide a pleasant view.

Meanwhile, every effort will be made to minimize the noise level for our respected neighbors in Huntington Woods. When it does happen, we ask that you be patient and remember that there are, of course, great benefits to choosing to live next to one of America's great zoos.

Thank you for your understanding during this construction phase. We're excited about our plans for the tigers and hope you'll visit them in their new habitat next year. Should you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact Paul Good, Detroit Zoological Society Community and Government Relations Manager, at (248) 541-5717 ext. 3234 or pgood@dzs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron L. Kagan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ron Kagan
Executive Director/CEO