



palm beach zoo conservation amphitheater

west palm beach, florida

Designel has been working with the Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society on a series of projects over the past few years including renovations / additions to the Pioneer House (a museum / exhibit facility) , the planned Café Outpost, new maintenance and grounds headquarters and the future heavy timber pergola elements that define the entrances to the various “lands’ that the Zoo includes. When the development department made the decision at the 11th hour to seek a State Cultural Affairs Grant for their future Conservation Amphitheater to present their Wings Over Water (WOW) show the Zoo once again turned to Designel Architects to quickly create a design and images suitable to use to seek the grant. The new facilities include three distinct seating areas tripling the former shows capacity each of which is covered by a shade structure that is “zooified” and constructed of timbers, bamboo and cables that relate to the other construction around the Zoo yet thru their lightness and angularity are abstractions of wings in flight. The benches that the audience sit on are half logs and the bleachers inexpensive yet durable aluminum structures are visually screened by vertical bamboo screen walls a consistent theme in the South Florida tropical environment of the Palm Beach Zoo.

Project Information

Area:	5,900 sq. ft.
Scope:	New Construction
Services:	Programming and Conceptual Design Study
Completion Date:	May 2017
Client:	Palm Beach Zoo
Architect of Record:	Designel- Michael Nelson Partner
Contractor:	TBD
Construction Cost	TBD

