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### SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT TO CUT THE RIBBON ON NEWLY RENOVATED SPIDER MONKEY EXHIBIT AT THE HENSON ROBINSON ZOO

Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield, IL 62712 |  
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**[Springfield, IL]** – The Springfield Park District (SPD) is pleased to cut the ribbon on the newly renovated Spider Monkey exhibit at the Henson Robinson Zoo.

The Spider Monkey exhibit was originally constructed in 2000 as an alternative exhibit space to help support animal care.

Over the past few years, there have been advancements in exhibit designs that focus on structural design longevity, increased safety parameters for the Spider Monkey's and enhanced opportunities for patron experiences.

With the knowledge of these new advancements, the Springfield Park District partnered with the Springfield Zoological Society to begin redesigning and rebuilding the exhibit.

In the summer of 2020, the original Spider Monkey exhibit was demolished and a new steel frame enclosure with viewing glass and safety netting was installed during the winter of 2020 and spring of 2021.

The new exhibit will help with easier care and animal management. It also allows the public to view the Spider Monkey's with ease with the new viewing glass feature.

*"Through a strong partnership with the Springfield Zoological Society, we are excited to cut the Ribbon on this new exhibit allowing visitors to get up close and personal with the beloved spider monkeys."* – **states Leslie Sgro, President of the Springfield Park Board of Trustees**

Plan to join us on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to celebrate and cut the ribbon to our new Spider Monkey exhibit.

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