# City Council OKs Zoo Expansion Plan

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**DES MOINES, Iowa --** A $25 million plan to expand the Blank Park Zoo got its first official thumbs up. The Des Moines City Council discussed the new plan on Monday night. The zoo wants to expand into the lake area of the Fort Des Moines Park. In exchange, the zoo will buy land just south of Southridge Mall and make it into a new park. Proposals are currently being accepted for potential new zoo exhibits that align with the Zoo’s mission of raising awareness of the plight of endangered species.

**Why are we doing this?**

Students will develop an understanding of the plight of endangered species and the role of zoos in species conservation. Students, working in teams of two, will create and present a proposal for a new zoo exhibit. The final project will consist of two components, an educational display or displays to be posted around the exhibit, and a 3-D model of the exhibit. Your final products will be judged by experts from Blank Park zoo, TRHS administration and staff.

**What materials will we need?**

A folder to keep all handouts and research notes together. This will be kept in the classroom

There is a limited budget for materials to build your model. These materials must be requested when the blue print is submitted.

Rubrics for each of the final products

**TURN OVER**

**What will be graded?**

Project contract

Draft of educational display

Blue print of model

Peer Assessment

Ongoing participation / collaboration

**Zoo model – see rubric for specific criteria**

**Educational display(s) – see rubric for specific criteria**

Participation in gallery walk

**When is everything due?**

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| **Assignment** | **Due Dates** |
| Contract | **Sept 21st (B day) Sept. 22nd (A day)** |
| Draft of educational display  Blue print of model | **Sept. 29th (B day)**  **Sept. 30th (A day)** |
| Peer Assessment | **Oct 8th (A day)**  **Oct 9th (B day)** |
| Final educational display and model  Gallery walk | **Oct 8th (A day)**  **Oct 9th (B day)** |

**How will I be graded?**

Your overall grade will comprise of a team grade based on the quality of your final products using the rubrics provided. You will also receive an individual grade that will be based upon ongoing assessment of collaboration and a peer assessment. On the exhibition day each student must be prepared to explain the entire project to peers, administration and experts from Blank Park Zoo.