

# Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness

Detroit Zoo, Michigan, USA

**Total Area:** 2 acres

**Animal Area:** 1.6 acres

**Animal:** Wolves, 1.2.0

**Budget:** \$1.4 million

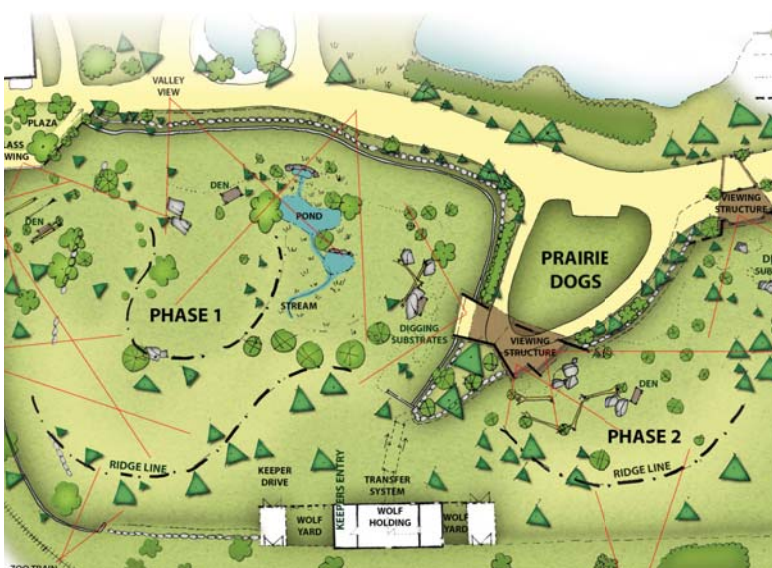
**Time frame:** March 2014 - May 2015

*Grey Wolf in her habitat*



## **Adaptive Reuse of Existing Habitats, Holding Building, and Historic Cabin**

This 2-acre habitat features grassy knolls and meadows with native trees, flowing stream and pond, dens and elevated rock outcroppings from which the wolves can survey their surroundings. There are several vantage points around the habitat to provide visitors with numerous views of the wolves in their natural surroundings. The historic Log Cabin features a fireplace and a comfortable gathering area, and a new observation area with expansive glass viewing windows that allow the visitors to get nose to snout with the wolves. Our team succeeded in creating an animal-focused design, and a pleasant visitors experience of shared landscape. The habitat highlights philosophy of sustainability and conservation, demonstrated by the adaptive reuse of existing holding facilities and a historical log cabin, and strategically repurposing of soil from a concurrent project.



*Summer view of the habitat from the cabin interior*



*Winter view of the habitat*

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