

Zoo Gate • Michigan City, Indiana



A challenge of this small town zoo is to not be overlooked by zoo patrons with options in nearby Chicago and South Bend. Run by the Michigan City Parks Department the project intent was to better define the zoo entrance, and move it from a crossing at a curve in the road where it was hard to see pedestrians. Timothy Berneche worked with Landscape Architect Jeff Bolinger, also with Fanning Howey, to create a solution that integrated architecture with landscape to create a strong sense of place, with a trellis angled to match the corner tower of the building. The building was an addition to an existing animal diet kitchen. Our building picked up on some of the language but utilized pre-colored masonry to reduce long term building maintenance. Timothy Berneche is the licensed architect of record. Completed 2005. Contractor: Gariup Construction; Gary, Indiana. Cost: \$500,000.00 with landscaping

