

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Opened in 1914 as part of the Audubon Nature Institute, the Audubon Zoo is the 58-acre home to more than 200 animals from across the world. The signature entrance features several life-like elephants and hippos playing on boulders in a large fountain. One of the country's premium wildlife entertainment destinations, the Audubon Zoo upgraded the fountain by replacing the old fiberglass elephants and hippos with bronze versions as well as adding several bronze lions. In addition, QUIKRETE® Base Coat Stucco – Pump Grade was used to create the life-like boulders.

After removing the old boulders, Cemrock Landscape, Inc. spray-applied more than 20,000 pounds of QUIKRETE® Base Coat Stucco – Pump Grade over a wire-mesh frame. Before the material hardened, it was shaped and sculpted by hand. Once the material cured, it was stained and colored. By taking these refined and artistic steps, the boulders mimic those found in the Serengeti or the other natural habitats of elephants, hippos and lions.

QUIKRETE® Base Coat Stucco – Pump Grade is a flowable, high workability plaster particularly designed for spray applications. It is a fiber reinforced, Portland cement based stucco, designed to be used as the scratch and/or brown coat in a 3-coat stucco application, or the first coat in a 2-coat