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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN BALD EAGLE AT SENECA PARK ZOO

County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and Seneca Park Zoo officials are pleased to announce the arrival of an adult male American bald eagle at the Zoo. The eagle, named Maverick, was transferred from the Florida Wildlife Hospital and Sanctuary in Palm Shores, Florida.

*“We are thrilled to welcome Maverick to the Seneca Park Zoo,” said **Dinolfo**. “This symbol of American pride and spirit arrives just in time for Veterans Day, as we invite veterans to the Zoo to visit our newest bald eagle free of charge.”*

Estimated to be about 4 years old, Maverick suffered unknown injuries in its natural range. Under the guidance of US Fish and Wildlife, Maverick underwent surgery at Florida Wild Veterinary Hospital to remove the tip of his right wing. Following the surgery, the eagle was deemed non-releasable and after several months of care will now make his permanent home in Rochester.

Maverick joins Abe, a 25-year-old male bald eagle also deemed non-releasable due to injury, in a habitat in the Genesee Trail area of the Zoo. Only bald eagles that have been determined to be unable to live in their natural range are kept in conservation care, where they can thrive without threats to their survival.

The American bald eagle is a conservation success story. After being on the brink of extinction due to chemical pollution, hunting, and habitat loss, this species was removed from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants in 2007 thanks to years of protections and conservation efforts

In honor of Veterans Day, all active and veteran military personnel with valid military ID will receive free Zoo admission for themselves and one youth through Sunday, November 13.

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