

North Carolina Museum of Life and Science Bioquest, Phase II

CPN Star Award for Project of the Year
Carolinas AGC Pinnacle Award for Best Building Project of the Year



- New Atlantic performed the expansion of the existing museum program into an adjacent rock quarry that was abandoned in the 1920s. This design opened up a whole new dimension of life and science learning for the museum's curriculum.
- The concept featured bears, wolves and lemurs in natural terrain with man-made rock and water features, an inhabited wetland area, a man-made sailboat pond, animal holding facilities, and a boardwalk descending down the face of a 26 FT cliff and winding through the wetlands. The project also included 2 visitor centers, a parking lot expansion, and a new entrance to the Museum Animal Experts.
- One bear, named Ursula, already lived there in an existing holding facility, located where the new waterfall pond area would be constructed. We had to build her a new home and set up temporary fencing to transfer her in order to free up this space.

Location
Durham, NC

Delivery Method
Bid

Size
31,080 SF

Architect
EYP/
(formerly Brown Jurkowski
Architectural Collaborative)