The habitat areas of these enclosures will be designed to maintain and replicate the animal's natural habitat to provide temporary wildlife refuge for species while in care and until release. Those habitats are focused on aquatic needs.

- Site enclosures to minimize topographic disturbance
- Preserve large expanses of significant trees with preference given to natives
- Create small zones of human activity for group of enclosures to minimize disturbance to site and animals
- Utilize visual and acoustical vegetation and topographic buffering for enclosures from road and other potential undesirable viewpoints
- Retain trees inside habitats where possible
- Maintain natural landscape and topography inside habitat where possible
- Keep enclosures as open as possible while providing required visual screening for animals and people
- Route small, low impact trails to enclosures
- Select materials and color that blend with surroundings and/or are visually screened
- Site in close proximity to main medical building for infrastructure efficiency.