

Mark Fisher – Vice President of Facilities, Planning, and Sustainability

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

A product of the University of Cincinnati's Civil and Environmental Engineering program, Mark spent the first twelve years of his professional career working as a project manager for Turner Construction Company. Many of those years were spent at the Cincinnati Zoo, overseeing the construction of several major exhibits. In 2006, he came on board with the Zoo as the Senior Director of Facilities and Planning.

His role at the Zoo is diverse, including overseeing the development and execution of the Zoo's master plan, leading the visioning efforts and supporting the operations of the Zoo's 800 acres of farmland in Warren and Clermont counties, supporting a large team of employees that maintain the Zoo's grounds and infrastructure, and being ever present in the Zoo's neighborhood of Avondale, working to heal old wounds and establish authentic relationships with the people that call Avondale home.

Mark is also the driving force behind the Zoo's nationally recognized sustainability movement. By implementing the most aggressive green building program in the nation, along with producing dramatic reductions in natural resource consumption, the Zoo has transformed itself from an organization that barely had a recycling program, to becoming the greenest Zoo in world.

Mark is involved with several non-profit organizations, in various capacities, including SonLight Power, Gabriel's Place, Reds Community Fund, Habitat for Humanity, the Aquarium and Zoo Facilities Association, among others.

Over the years, Mark's work in the world of sustainability and his outreach efforts in the community have been recognized by awards such as the Cincinnati Business Courier 40 Under 40 Award, US Green Building Council – Cincinnati Chapter – Person of the Year, AZFA Conservation Award, Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation Partner of the year, among others.

Outside of work, Mark most enjoys scrambling around the mountains of the American West with his wife and four children.

