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**Brevard Zoo partners with FPL for free-to-use electric-vehicle charging station**

MELBOURNE, Fla., October 2, 2020 — Electric vehicle (EV) users can now recharge their batteries for free in Brevard Zoo’s parking lot. Two charging points were recently donated and installed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as part of FPL EVolution, an electric vehicle pilot program.

“FPL EVolution is a natural fit for us as it encourages a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation,” said Jody Palmer, the Zoo’s director of conservation programs. “This is a major steppingstone on our journey to build a more sustainable Brevard County.”

FPL plans to install more than 1,000 charging points at over 100 locations throughout the state, which could increase the current availability of charging stations by more than 50 percent. In addition to encouraging drivers to “go electric,” FPL EVolution charging infrastructure will collect valuable data to help FPL further advance electric transportation and prepare for 2025, when one in every four cars sold is expected to be electric.

EV drivers can download the FPL EVolution app to find and navigate to the closest FPL charging station. The app will route users to the selected station where drivers will scan a code and connect their EV to the station to begin charging. The app will also provide users with information about port availability, outages, charging history, trends, nearby amenities and more.

The Zoo’s parking lot is accessible daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The charging stations are compatible with all major EV models, including those manufactured by Audi, Chevrolet, Honda, Kia, Nissan, Tesla and Volkswagen.

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*Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at [www.treetoptrek.com](http://www.treetoptrek.com).*

*The Aquarium Project is a plan to construct a world-class aquarium and conservation center at Port Canaveral. More information is available at [www.theaquariumproject.org](http://www.theaquariumproject.org).*