

## National Aquarium Rainforest, Baltimore

Due to the natural aging process of glass, the National Aquarium has taken the proactive step to replace all 684 panes of glass of its iconic, pyramid-topped *Upland Tropical Rain Forest* – a fixture of the Baltimore skyline. The new glass will be energy efficient, have updated safety features and be esthetically pleasing. In accordance with the Aquarium's mission of conservation. The Glass Pavilion north extension on September 5, 2002, and it opened to the public on December 16, 2005. It measures 64,500 sq ft (5,990 m<sup>2</sup>), and is 120 ft (37 m) high at the tallest point., the old glass will be upcycled and repurposed into materials used for major roadways and fiberglass insulation.

The new-and-improved glass will help control temperatures inside the exhibit from getting too warm, creating a pleasant experience for animals and guests. Additionally, the new glass will have permanent acid-etching to protect migrating birds from striking the glass. The new tempered glass, laminated with SentryGlas® Natural UV will eliminate "hot-spots" on the plants below and create an ambient nighttime glow from the outside.

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