

MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE

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1936	Dallas Museum of Natural History established
1946	The Science Place established
1995	Dallas Children's Museum established
2005	4.7 acres purchased in Victory Park thanks to \$10-million gift from Hunt Petroleum
2006	Unique merger of the three museums – Dallas Museum of Natural History, The Science Place and the Dallas Children's Museum -- results in a new institution: Museum of Nature & Science at Fair Park
January 8, 2008	2005 Pritzker Prize Laureate Thom Mayne named as architect for new Victory Park facility
2008	In addition to Ralph Appelbaum Associates, who has been working with the Museum for over a decade, the Museum names Paul Bernhard Exhibit Design & Consulting, Austin, and the Science Museum of Minnesota as exhibit designers for the Victory Park facility.
May 30, 2008	The five children of H. Ross and Margot Perot -- Katherine Perot, Carolyn Rathjen, Suzanne McGee, Nancy Mulford and Ross Perot, Jr. – announce a \$50-million gift made in honor of their parents. The new Victory Park museum will be named for the Perot family.
October 23, 2008	Naming of and plans unveiled for Tom Hunt Energy Hall
May 2009	Balfour Beatty Construction named as General Contractor
2008 – 2009	Although informal research has taken place for a number of years, intensity increased as the architect, exhibit designers, museum staff and board members visit museums researching best practices of the world's top museums
September 17, 2009	Thom Mayne and his California-based firm Morphosis unveil building model and schematic designs
November 18, 2009	Groundbreaking held at the new Victory Park facility