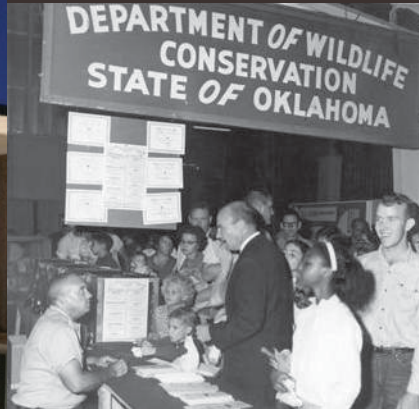


# HISTORY OF ODWC HQ LOCATIONS

## BEGINNINGS



## 1960s



Created in 1909, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation was originally based in the basement of the State Capitol. In 1966, the agency moved into a new building at 1801 N. Lincoln Blvd. and remained there until renovations began in 2015.

## 1990s



## TODAY



*The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is the management, protection, and enhancement of wildlife resources and habitat for the scientific, educational, recreational, aesthetic, and economic benefits to present and future generations of citizens and visitors to Oklahoma.*



## WELCOME HOME

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Department headquarters was in a temporary location at NE 36 and Martin Luther King Avenue for nearly three years while the renovation was underway. Flood damage to the original building prompted the \$16 million project, which was accomplished using no tax dollars. The Wildlife Department is funded primarily by sportsmen through their purchase of hunting and fishing licenses and certain sporting goods.

"We are excited to welcome the public to the Wildlife Department's reconstructed headquarters," said J.D. Strong, Director of the Wildlife Department. "This place will be a source of pride for our sportsmen that paid for it, not to mention a destination spot within the Capitol complex to showcase and learn more about Oklahoma's great outdoors. Not only is it a great place for hunters and anglers to come get a license, but it's also a cool office for our amazing employees to work in every day."

- Inviting space for sportsmen and women to get a license



- Open space concept encourages creative and collaborative work environment



- On site warehouse provides convenience for shipping and receiving



- Incredible diorama and interactive kiosks offer visitors educational opportunities

