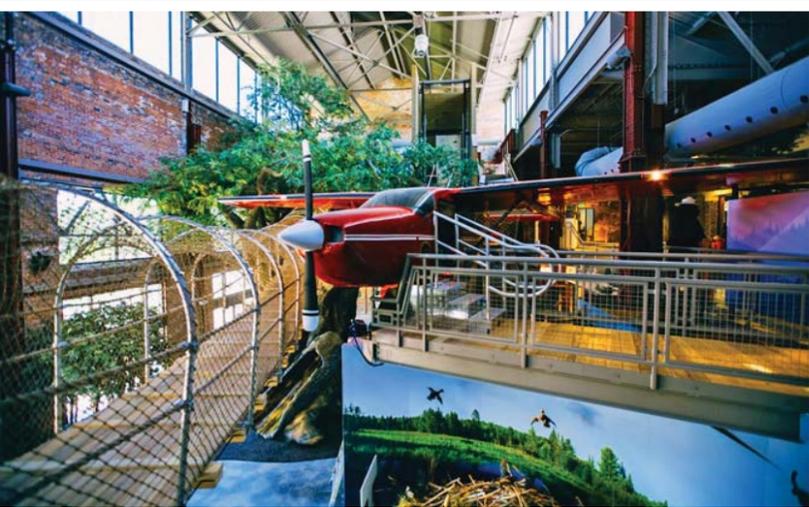
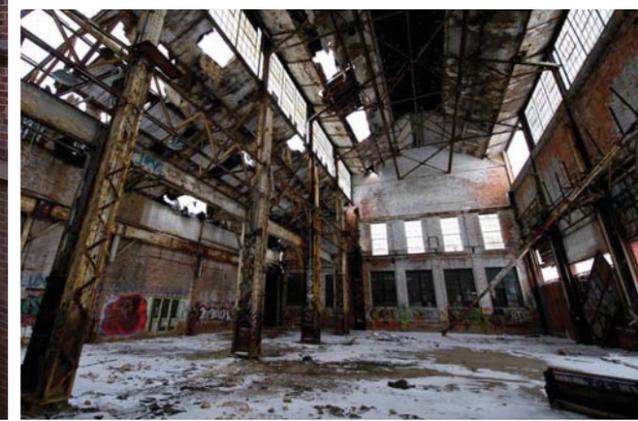




The Globe Building Outdoor Adventure Center

2016 ESD Construction & Design Award
Honorable Mention



WHAT MAKES THE GLOBE BUILDING SO UNIQUE?

- Once part of the largest ship-building facility on the Great Lakes
- Employed Henry Ford as an apprentice machinist
- Represents the first public/private partnership in the State of Michigan
- Michigan's first indoor state park
- The first vertical construction project to be paid for by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- One of the earliest examples of steel-frame construction
- More than 40,000 bricks were hand-removed and reused
- Renovation occurred during Michigan's coldest and snowiest winters on record
- Allows visitors to experience 'up north, downtown'
- Offers one-of-a-kind nature experiences, such as walking behind a 35-foot waterfall, stepping into an eagle's nest and sitting in the cockpit of an authentic reconnaissance airplane
- Serves as an anchor for local activity and has led the revitalization of the international waterfront

Over the years, countless people have passed by the crumbling Globe Building on Atwater Street, barely giving it a second thought, except perhaps to wonder when it might finally be torn down, or just give into the elements of nature and collapse into a pile of bricks. But the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) saw something worth saving and so, when they made the decision to create an urban education center in the heart of Detroit, the DNR specifically selected the Globe Building for this project.

More than a dozen other developers tried - and failed - before The Roxbury Group stepped up to the plate, prepared to take on the monumental task that flummoxed so many others before them. In what was the first public/private partnership ever in the state of Michigan, the DNR teamed up with Roxbury to make their dream of a place for inner city children to experience all that Michigan's nature has to offer, a reality.

A \$12.8 million renovation drastically transformed the condemned industrial facility into the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC), Michigan's very first indoor state park. This one-of-a-kind facility provides local citizens with an opportunity to experience many of the incredible natural resources that our state has to offer, all without leaving downtown Detroit. Visitors are invited to take part in exciting and unique activities such as traveling through an underground cave, sliding down the roots of a 40-foot bur oak tree, stepping inside a beaver lodge and shooting real arrows on the archery range. It is the DNR's hope that these experiences at the OAC will spark an interest in both children and adults alike, encouraging them to get out, visit our state parks and participate in these types of activities on a much larger scale.

The OAC has also made a positive impact on commerce in the area, serving as an anchor for local activity and encouraging growth and progress in its neighborhood. Thanks to the positive example it has set, many other developments have begun to take root nearby, leading to the revitalization of the international waterfront.