

## Centennial Comfort Stations



### PROJECT

Centennial Comfort Stations  
Fairmount Park  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### CLIENT

City of Philadelphia  
Capital Programs Office

### DATES

2006      Design and Documentation

### DESCRIPTION

The Centennial Comfort Stations are two masonry buildings with slate roofs and wood fenestration. The former restroom facilities date to the Centennial Exposition in 1876.

### CHALLENGE

Years of neglect and foundation failure have resulted in structural displacement and deformation. The masonry structure, wood elements and roofing are all in a state of failure.

### SERVICES

#### Conditions Assessment

Assessed and reported conditions to the Fairmount Park staff and the City of Philadelphia's Capital Program Office.

#### Construction Documents

Prepared design documents to restore the buildings.

Provided an order of magnitude for the client to facilitate budgeting for the work.

Recommended to excavate and rebuild the foundation to stabilize the masonry building.

Recommended the replacement of the brick and repoint where necessary to minimize water infiltration.

Recommended replacement of the roof and installation of copper gutters to direct storm water away from the buildings.

Recommended the repair of all wood windows, including all decorative trim and soffits, to restore both buildings to their original appearance.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

Listed on the local register of historic properties within the Fairmount Park system.