

## Please Touch Museum



### PROJECT

Please Touch Museum  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### CLIENT

Please Touch Museum  
*Administered by: Heritage Preservation*

### DATES

2002 CAP Study

### DESCRIPTION

The Please Touch Museum occupied three buildings on the 200 block of North 21st Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The original building, known as the Carpet Building, is a three-story brick industrial building from the late 19th century. The areas of concern for the existing structure fell into three categories: fire safety, mechanical systems, and housekeeping. Since the report was issued the Museum has relocated to Memorial Hall in West Fairmount Park.

### CHALLENGE

We were retained by the Museum to provide a summary of the building and systems conditions for the Museum as they relate to the storage and exhibition of the museum's collections. Analyzing the buildings as containers, we were able to assess the building in terms of preventing water infiltration, providing a controlled environment, and maximizing safety.

### SERVICES

CAP Study

Conducted an on-site investigation.

Provided a summary of the building and systems conditions as they relate to the storage and exhibition of the museum's collections.

Identified and provided general recommendations on how to improve the buildings in their capacity as "containers".

Identified and provided issues relevant to the Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) assessment in the form of a written report.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

The Museum ultimately relocated to Memorial Hall, the recommendations in the report assisted them in making that decision.