

# Great Lakes Science Center

Cleveland, Ohio

**Role:** Architect & Museum Planner for Expanded Museum; Lead team of architects, engineers and specialist museum consultants; Collaborated with exhibit design firms, including West Office Exhibition Design

**Program:** Immersive science exhibits, changing exhibits area, domed IMAX, lobby, cafe, gift shop, function spaces, classrooms, exhibit support, office and underground parking structure

**Building Area:** 165,000 sf

**Status:** Opened in 1996

**Description:** Located on a spectacular 6.6-acre site at the edge of Lake Erie at Cleveland's North Coast Harbor, the Great Lakes Science Center is ideally located to play its role as a major tourist, cultural and educational attraction for the city. Its exhibits and other programs teach visitors about the interrelationships between the ecosystems of the Great Lakes and man's scientific, environmental, technological and industrial activities in the region. The 165,000 sf building houses 64,000 sf of indoor exhibits, more than 12,000 sf of outdoor exhibit terraces, an interactive theater and a 320-seat IMAX Domed theater. The centerpiece of the building is its 10,000 sf transparent Wintergarden, which functions as a public walkway to the harbor, an entry lobby, an exhibit gallery and a special events space. It links the IMAX theater, a science store and public dining areas on the east with three levels of exhibit galleries on the west.





