

Ford Field

Detroit, Michigan

Owner

Detroit Stadium Authority

Client/Architect

SmithGroup

General Contractor

Hunt Construction Group

Completion Date

2002

Construction Cost

\$500 million

Total Area

1.35 million sf

Seating Capacity

65,000

Number of Suites

130



Ford Field, home of the NFL's Detroit Lions, features a 700-foot by 640-foot long-span roof system supported by only eight columns. The innovative and economical roof design allowed all truss and tower elements to incorporate shippable truss components and enabled the use of long-span joists as the typical roof framing elements. By using so few columns and locating them far from the field, interference with spectator sight lines was all but eliminated.

The south wall along the stadium incorporates the six-story Hudson Warehouse, a structure built in the 1920s. Facing the playing field, this 90-year-old building was renovated to include 130 luxury suites on three levels. A six-story glass atrium is positioned on the south entrance, which provides spectators with an unobstructed view of downtown Detroit's skyline.

Ford Field hosted the 2006 Super Bowl XL and the 2008 NCAA[®] Division I Men's Basketball Regional Games.