



1800

Along the west bank of the Genesee River in an area called "The Rapids" a tavern and store are built and managed by Col. Isaac Castle. By 1804 the area becomes known as Castletown



1861

On the banks of the Genesee River near Cottage Street, Camp Fitz-John Porter is established as a Civil War training camp



1902

The Rapids neighborhood is annexed into the City of Rochester and over the next two decades the neighborhood was subdivided, streets laid out and homes were constructed



1950s
& 60s

The neighborhood and City population begins to decline for the first time and the period of Urban Renewal begins



2005

Plymouth Avenue is re-aligned to meet with the Brooks Avenue / Genesee Street intersection, allowing for the development of Brooks Landing

1836

Construction begins on the Genesee Valley Canal due to the continued success of the Erie Canal



1878

The Genesee Valley Canal closes in favor of railroad use and tracks are laid in the old canal alignment for the Genesee Valley Canal Railroad



1930

The University of Rochester moves from its Prince Street/ University Avenue Campus to the new River Campus across from the South West Neighborhood



1984

The Genesee River South Corridor Land Use & Development Plan calls for the development of retail space at the Genesee-Brooks intersection.



Timeline of Neighborhood Development