



**1881**  
Genesee Valley Canal RR Co. lays tracks on the old Genesee Valley Canal on west bank of river

**1888**  
Olmsted Firm master plan completed

**1891**  
Rochester Athletic Club first club given permission to construct a club house or boat house on the west bank

**1906**  
Water Carnivals begin annually in summer

**1931**  
Private parcels of land (former hotel sites) just south of the South Plymouth intersection become dedicated parkland

**1961**  
Outer Loop highway completed with flyover bridge relieving traffic on Elmwood Avenue

**1908**  
City of Rochester creates Parks Commission which hires Olmsted Firm as landscape architect

**1918**  
South Park renamed Genesee Valley Park; Plymouth trolley line brings residents into the park

**1933**  
Recreation facilities opened on west bank, including swimming pool, ballfields, refectory and track

**1958**  
New canal opens combining water with Genesee River; River waters raise 12 feet & flooding increases dramatically

**1977**  
Interstate 390 bisects the park near the barge canal; No landscape architect was consulted to ease the changes



# Genesee Valley Park

## Rochester, New York

### Timeline of Development