



## Historical context

This timeline, created collectively by the local partners of this project, tracks the history of the neighbourhood as it relates to larger regional trends.

The story began in the 1700's as an Anishinaabe settlement, making use of the access to the lake and river. From there we can follow the later development first as an area rich in lumber and later as a manufacturing hub. The 'golden' manufacturing era lasted about 60 years with General Electric as one of the primary employers in the area. Much of the housing stock in this

neighbourhood was built for workers or executives of these plants. By the 1980's the neighbourhood showed signs of degrowth and population loss due to both the loss of manufacturing jobs and due to trends towards suburbanization.

In the last decade, the neighbourhood has seen a more grassroots type of revitalization with the growth of community organizations and a successful farmers' market. Changes in commercial policy in the downtown area have also led to a regrowth of independent businesses--all of which contribute to a more walkable and vibrant community.