

Timeline of Brush Creek Corridor Development

Many factors have influenced the development of Kansas City's Brush Creek Corridor, an east-west connector in a largely north-south city. Tragedy, vision, leadership and collaboration have all had their roles making the Corridor in what it has become, and what it promises to be.

The following timeline documents over \$1.3 billion in completed and planned investment along the Corridor. It also includes milestones in Brush Creek Community Partners' history.

- 1977** ➤ Brush Creek floods resulting in the deaths of 25 people and property damage exceeding \$66 million
- 1981** ➤ Spirit of Freedom Fountain along Brush Creek Boulevard, later Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard at Cleveland dedicated (\$516,000)
- 1987** ➤ Peet Outpatient Center opens on Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City campus at Wornall Road and 44th Street
- 1989** ➤ Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center at 3700 Blue Parkway opens (\$1,900,000)
- 1991** ➤ Brush Creek Flood Control and Beautification initiative by the City of Kansas City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers begins
 - Imani House Drug Treatment Center opens on what will become the Swope Parkway Health Center campus (\$1,500,000)
 - Addition to Mid America Heart Institute at Saint Luke's Hospital completed
- 1992** ➤ Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts at 4747 Flora opens (\$10,100,000)
- 1993** ➤ Representatives of institutions along Brush Creek convene for the first time on September 18; leads to formation of Brush Creek Community Partners
- 1994** ➤ Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art at 4420 Warwick opens (\$1,080,000)
- 1995** ➤ Swope Parkway Health Center at 3801 Blue Parkway opens (\$21,000,000)
- 1996** ➤ Brush Creek Community Center at 3801 Brush Creek Boulevard opens (\$2,400,000)
 - Brush Creek Flood Control and Beautification Project completed (flood control \$48,190,000; landscaping \$10,059,000)
 - Plaza Tennis Center at 4747 J.C. Nichols Parkway opens (\$1,770,000)
 - Rockwell Bridge replacement completed (\$1,200,000)
 - Richardson Science Center on the Rockhurst College campus opens (\$7,000,000)
 - Lake Eight, later dedicated as Lake of The Enshriners, along Blue Parkway between Cleveland and Elmwood completed (\$11,200,000)
- 1997** ➤ Blue Parkway reconstruction completed (\$9,600,000)
 - Rehabilitation of 26 Troostwood homes along Forest Avenue between 49th and 51st Streets completed (\$1,500,000) and Troostwood Townhomes along Troost Avenue at 49th Street dedicated (\$3,500,000)
 - Thomas Roque Child and Family Development Center at 3800 E. 51st Street opens (\$4,800,000)
 - Owners of Village Green Apartments and Towhouses at 1500 E. 46th Street complete rehabilitation of the property (\$5,000,000)
- 1998** ➤ Amphitheater adjacent to Spirit of Freedom Fountain constructed (\$1,900,000)
 - Seville Garage on the Plaza opened (\$16,000,000)
 - Another devastating Brush Creek flood in which eight people are killed prompts resumption of flood control initiative
 - Brush Creek Community Partners becomes incorporated not-for-profit, Board of Directors elected, and full-time staff hired
- 1999** ➤ Kauffman Foundation headquarters at 4801 Rockhill Road opens in Kauffman Legacy Park (\$52,000,000)
 - *Brush Creek Corridor Land Use and Development Plan* developed by Brush Creek Community Partners adopted by City Council
 - Midwest Research Institute completes refurbishment of 425 Volker Boulevard headquarters exterior (\$3,500,000)
 - The Kansas City City Council extends its support to BCCP in enhancing the Corridor as a cultural and research district containing healthy, vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods.
 - Four Bruce R. Watkins Parkway bridges over Brush Creek opens (\$19,000,000)
 - H&R Block Service Center at 4400 Blue Parkway opens (\$17,000,000)
 - Mount Cleveland Heights along Cleveland Avenue at 51st Street dedicated (\$8,245,000)
 - Valencia Place on the Plaza opens (\$70,000,000)
 - Flood control work on Paseo Complex and removal of Woodland Bridge completed (\$22,490,000), planning for replacement of Prospect Bridge begins
 - Repair of flood damage at Village Green Apartments completed (\$5,000,000)
 - H&R Block Artspace at the Kansas City Art Institute at 16 E. 43rd Street opens (\$600,000)



- 2000**
- Ewing and Muriel Kauffman Memorial Garden at 4800 Rockhill Road dedicated (\$4,000,000)
 - Brush Creek Corridor Tax Increment Financing Plan developed by the Tax Increment Financing Commission adopted by City Council
 - Flarsheim Science and Technology Hall at University of Missouri-Kansas City dedicated (\$21,708,000)
 - Rockhurst University celebrates completion of campus beautification project including the opening of the Greenlease Gallery (\$10,000,000)
 - New Gates Bar-B-Q Restaurant at 1325 Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard opens; more commercial development planned
 - Christian Fellowship Ministries opens Tot Spot child care center at 4501 Troost Avenue (\$20,000)
 - Seville Square redevelopment on the Plaza completed (\$14,000,000)
 - Linda Hall Library completes upgrade of physical plant (\$3,700,000)
 - Boys and Girls Clubs' Thornberry Center for Youth and Families and Genesis School completes expansion at 3831 E. 43rd Street (\$11,000,000)
 - Visitation School expansion completed (\$6,000,000) expansion of Visitation Church and renovation of Tighe Hall begins at 51st and Main Streets (\$13,000,000)
 - Irish Museum and Cultural Center leases parkland at Swope Parkway and Woodland and plans construction of Irish Museum and Cultural Center (\$2,500,000)
- 2001**
- Stowers Institute for Medical Research opens at 1000 E. 50th Street (\$180,000,000)
 - Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art expansion project at 4525 Oak Street begins (\$115,000,000)
 - Satchel Paige Stadium at Swope Parkway and 51st Street refurbished and rededicated (\$450,000)
 - Missouri Department of Conservation Discovery Center at Kauffman Legacy Park opens at 4750 Troost Avenue (\$7,700,000)
 - Planning to replace Troost Bridge begins (\$7,600,000)
 - University of Missouri-Kansas City completes parking structure at Rockhill Road and 52nd Street (\$11,915,861)
 - St. James United Methodist Church expansion at 55th Street and The Paseo completed (\$8,000,000)
 - St. Teresa's Academy begins renovation of historic Music and Arts Building at 5601 Wyandotte (\$6,000,000)
- 2002**
- Kansas City Art Institute completes campus investment around Warwick from 43rd to 45th Street, including renovation of historic mansion to the Jannes Library and Learning Center, and development of student living accommodations (\$15,000,000)
 - Rockhurst University opens Community Center at 5401 Troost Avenue (\$1,500,000)
 - FirstGuard Health Plan Building, the first speculative commercial office site in the area in 30 years, opens at 4001 Blue Parkway (\$10,500,000)
 - Saks Garage and Retail facility on the Plaza opens (\$15,400,000)
 - Stowers Institute for Medical Research issues bonds to finish-out laboratory space to accommodate accelerated researcher recruitment (\$75,000,000)
 - Rockhurst University rededicates Conway Hall after completion of renovation to include the Helzberg School of Management (\$6,500,000)
 - Christian Fellowship Ministries completes acquisition of problem properties around the 4500 blocks of Troost and Forest to expand church and develop community building (\$3,000,000)
 - Construction of Plaza Colonnade, including the replacement of the Plaza Library, at 4801 Main Street begins (\$70,000,000)
- 2003**
- Saint Luke's Hospital begins expansion of its Neurosurgical and Neonatal Intensive Care Units (\$13,000,000)
 - Work begins on Treadway Hall renovation at 54th Street between Oak Street and Brookside Boulevard to become The Crestwood condominiums (\$13,000,000)
 - Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City begins 25-year expansion at Wornall Road and 44th Street (\$150,000,000)
 - *Brush Creek 2020 MasterPlan* for Corridor parkway adopted by the Kansas City Parks & Recreation Commission
 - *Brush Creek Corridor Economic Development Plan* completed by Brush Creek Community Partners
 - Construction begins on first of six new homes in the Troostwood Pointe Development, located along 49th Street east of Troost, (\$1,140,000)
 - University of Missouri-Kansas City begins construction of Oak Street Housing East residence hall for 560 students along Oak Street at 51st Street (\$22,000,000)
 - Channel work and replacement of Prospect Bridge begins (\$11,200,000)
 - Construction of Kirkwood neighborhood including 200 residential units at 49th Street between Wornall Road and Wyandotte Street begins (\$150,000,000)
 - Woodland Redevelopment Project to build 20 single-family units at the 4.25 acre site of the blighted former Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged between Woodland and Highland Avenues from 53rd to 54th Street, begins (\$4,200,000)
 - Rockhurst University dedicates Loyola Park and celebrates completion of "Excellence in the City" capital campaign (\$50,000,000)
 - Work begins on nine-unit Troostwood Pointe Apartments along Troost Avenue at 51st Street (\$750,000)
 - UMKC completes plans for the expansion and renovation of the Student and Alumni Center (\$11,916,000)

