

1700s

- **1753** – Fort Presque Isle becomes Erie’s first European settlement.
- **1795** – Erie’s first permanent European settlement built.

1800s

- **1812** - During the War of 1812 naval yard is built near what is now Sassafras Street.
- **1824** - The harbor was deepened to accommodate shipbuilding Steamers carrying passengers and freight.
- **1851** – Erie becomes a city.
- **1864** – Docks are built by The Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad on the site of the original navy yard.
- **1894** – 2,683 vessels are logged going in and out of the harbor. The principal commodities were coal, iron ore, and grain. The harbor was also used for commercial fishing.

1900s

- **1925** - Thirteen large packing houses processed the fish catch.
- **1956** - The City of Erie formed a Port Commission. This Commission prepared the port for the 1959 opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway.
- **1982** – Land along the waterfront becomes available for redevelopment.
- **1989** - Construction on the Bayfront Parkway began. The last section of the Bayfront Connector was opened in 2005.
- **1995** - The Bicentennial Tower, on Dobbins Landing, was built to celebrate the city's bicentennial.
- **1998** - The Erie Maritime Museum opened along the Bayfront and used a former Pennsylvania Electric Company building.

2000s

- **2000** - Liberty Park was developed by the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port
- **2007** - The GAF manufacturing plant closed.
- **2008** - The Erie Bayfront Convention Center and the Sheraton Hotel opened.