

Battle Creek Transformation Milestones

November 2008

Battle Creek Unlimited and Kellogg Company announce an \$85 million project to revitalize downtown and establish Battle Creek as a national leader in food science.

November 2008 – September 2009

Battle Creek Unlimited and transformation stakeholders set the groundwork for change by forging relationships and getting input from the community, downtown merchants and 25 public organizations. Strategic work continues on the food protection, education and infrastructure pillars.

April 2009

A history preservation fund is set up for the Battle Creek downtown area. A grant application is submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation for more downtown infrastructure funding.

July 14-16, 2009

International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) conducts first inaugural training session for Food Safety Regulators from around the U.S.

August 25, 2009

IFPTI hosts “The Expanding Role of Environmental Sampling in Food Protection” for food regulators and food emergency responders from around the U.S.

September 4, 2009

MEDC gives Battle Creek a grant for infrastructure improvement.

September 17, 2009

Kellogg announces the consolidation of 600 employees to the Fifth Third building in downtown Battle Creek. Renovation plans begin.

September 21, 2009

The Battle Creek Public School Board approves next steps to relocate the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center. Presenters recommend the former cereal city museum as the ideal facility for the downtown relocation. Search for public and private funding (no taxes) begins.

September 29, 2009

Kellogg dedicates the W.K. Kellogg Institute for Food and Nutrition Research. October 12, 2009 IFPTI is awarded a \$1 million federal grant to train state and local food safety inspectors.

October 20, 2009

The public provides input during an open forum on the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center’s relocation proposal and funding.

October 23, 2009

Business Review West Michigan selects Battle Creek’s downtown project as a leader among high profile community improvement.

February 2010

International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) opens new administrative office downtown Battle Creek.

March 2010

Finalized streetscape blueprint revealed.

April 2010

NASA Award goes to Math & Science Center student team in Battle Creek for creation of a space nutrition bar.

May 2010

International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) gets a \$3.8 million grant from W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

May 2010

International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) goes to the Gulf of Mexico to assist in food safety for the BP oil spill.

August 2010

The Gateway Project starts in Battle Creek on M-66.

September 2010

Construction begins on new Jackson Street Access Drive in Downtown Battle Creek. It's the first ground breaking on the city's new downtown streetscape.

October 2010

Kellogg employees begin moving into their new buildings – K2 and BC Tower -- on Michigan Avenue & McCamly Street.

October 2010

Covance opens a facility in downtown Battle Creek for its microbiology research team. Up to 65 employees are expected to be in place in the new facility in the coming months.

January 2011

Congress Pass Enacting Food Safety Legislation (IFPTI), which gives a boost and national endorsement to the non-profit organization.

April 2011

The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) receives NSF International 2011 Food Safety Leadership Trendsetter Award. IFPTI recognized as a first-year program leading the charge in food safety leadership, initiative and laudable accomplishments.

February 2011

The Battle Creek Public Schools announces that it has secured \$14 million in funding to relocate the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center (BCAMSC) to the former cereal city museum at 171 W. Michigan Avenue in downtown Battle Creek. The Kellogg Company and W.K. Kellogg Foundation will provide a one-time, private monetary gift to renovate the building and install technology updates for an improved science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum.

March 2011

Construction documents sent out to bid for Public Infrastructure and Enhancement. Local contractor, Hoffmann Brothers, is selected by the City of Battle Creek to lead the project.

April 2011 Phase I of Streetscape project begins

Crews break ground on the first phase of construction of Downtown Battle Creek's streetscape, including Michigan Avenue from Carlyle Street to McCamly Street and the intersection meeting place at McCamly and Michigan Avenue. A water main replacement is included in this construction phase.

April 2011

International Food Protection Training Institute Receives NSF National 2011 Food Safety Leadership Trendsetter Award.

Summer 2011 – BCAMSC Project Takes Shape

With funding from the Kellogg Company and W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center begins to plan its relocation and renovation of the new facility in the former cereal city museum on Michigan Avenue in downtown. The opening date of the new BCAMSC is targeted for 2013.

May – June 2011 – Downtown Campus Puts on Finishing Touches

Construction is completed for the area on Michigan Avenue, now known as Jackson Street access. Streetscape landscape elements are added to the newly renovated area connecting Kellogg Company's headquarters with new downtown offices at K2 on Michigan Avenue.

June 2011

The Global Food Protection Institute (GFPI) appoints Dr. Julia Bradsher as President and CEO

June 2011

The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) Names 2011-12 Class of Fellows.

July 2011

The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) Leads Global Audience in Food Safety Training Discussion.

July 2011 Phase II of Streetscape project begins

As Phase I of the streetscape project progresses, contractors break ground on phase two of the construction project. The streetscape section includes the stretch on Michigan Avenue from McCamly Street to Capital Avenue.

August 2011

Congressman Fred Upton, Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, met with the GFPI Board of Directors. Discussion about the Washington perspective on the food safety and the budget.

August, 2011

Senator Debbie Stabenow and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack visit International Food Protection Training Institute

August 2011

Covance to acquire TRAC Microbiology Inc. and expands microbiology capabilities by acquiring organization for testing and research. This brings new scientific talent to Covance and expands the knowledge base of microbiology staff in Madison, WI and Battle Creek, MI.

September 2011

The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) receives a multi-year grant of \$1.3 million per year from the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The funding will support joint efforts by FDA and IFPTI to implement the national food-training infrastructure mandated by the Food Safety Modernization Act. This competitive grant is year-one of a five-year cooperative agreement.