

PROPERTY HISTORY

The Property is located at the northeast corner of North Michigan Avenue and the Chicago River on a site with both local and national historical significance. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places.

1670s

Pere Jacques Marquette used the site as a camp as he explored routes to the Mississippi River.



1795

The United States government built Fort Dearborn at what is now the corner of Michigan Avenue & Wacker drive.

The intersection was also the home of John Kinzie, a founding father of Chicago.

1600s

1700s

1800s

1871

The Great Chicago Fire.



1921

The Michigan Avenue Bridge and extension of Michigan Avenue North of the Chicago River was completed.

1923-1925

The McCormick family owned substantial property on the north bank of the Chicago River, and developed the Tribune tower in 1923-25.



1962-65

The Equitable Building is developed.

For decades, the Equitable Building was the headquarters for International Harvester, the descendant of Cyrus McCormick's original reaper works, and Equitable remained the building's owner until it was acquired in 2001 by current ownership.

1900s

2000s

1779

The home of Chicago's first permanent resident, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, forms the very beginnings of the city of Chicago.

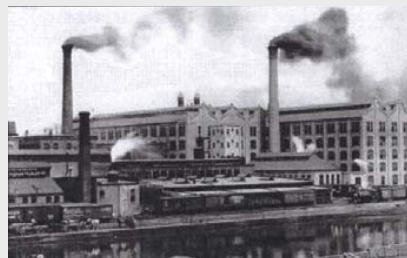


1840s

The Chicago river linked the St. Lawrence Seaway, Great Lakes, Mississippi River, and eventually the Gulf of Mexico, and by 1840, the river was lined with warehouses and factories.

1849

Cyrus McCormick set up a factory for his horse-drawn reaper on this site, making over 4,000 reapers/year and making Chicago the greatest grain port in the country, rebuilding an even larger factory after the destruction by the Great Chicago Fire.



1927-29

The building site was occupied by the James Kirk soap factory, torn down in 1929 and remained a parking lot until development of the Equitable Building in 1962-65.

2001

Zeller Realty Groups acquires 401 North Michigan Avenue.



2017

Foster + Partners -designed, one-of-a-kind Apple retail store slated to open.