

## Spirit of Buffalo

When people want to remember things, they make scrapbooks, so when Parsons wanted our clients in Buffalo, New York, to remember us, we made them a scrapbook. More than a standard leave-behind, we wanted to create something that could be proudly displayed on a desk or a coffee table. To accomplish this, we assembled a collection of photos and artifacts that highlight Buffalo's distinguished history and Parsons' contributions to that history. The end result pulled together the talents of our writers, designers, and production team to deliver a unique leather-bound keepsake that can be cherished for years to come.





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## The 2010s



### Robert Moses Parkway

**2010**  
Parsons was retained to provide various services related to the reconfiguration of the north segment of the Robert Moses Parkway, with the intent of repurposing the parkway to serve a broader spectrum of users and to provide greater access to surrounding parks and the Niagara Gorge area. Currently, Parsons is completing the preliminary design, design report, and environmental assessment for the removal of the first 2-mile section of the Robert Moses Parkway, within the city of Niagara Falls.

### Canalside

**2010**

Plans were made to improve Canalside, and the following year would see an increase in public events, a new tennis box stadium, and a new walk. In 2010, the Buffalo RiverWorks organization opened the Canalside, an entertainment and sports facility that plans to serve events and be a business revitalizing Canalside.



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### Restoration of Hotel Lafayette Completed

**2012**

Restoration work was completed on the Hotel Lafayette, originally designed by Louise Blanchard Bethune. The renovation of this historic structure helped continue the transition of the surrounding area into a neighborhood with a thriving restaurant and residential scene.

### Buffalo RiverWorks

**2015**

Buffalo RiverWorks, composed of skating rinks, bars, and restaurants, transformed a former industrial area into Buffalo's newest entertainment destination. In 2015, by repurposing 19th century grain elevators and underutilized waterfront.





## Early 1900s

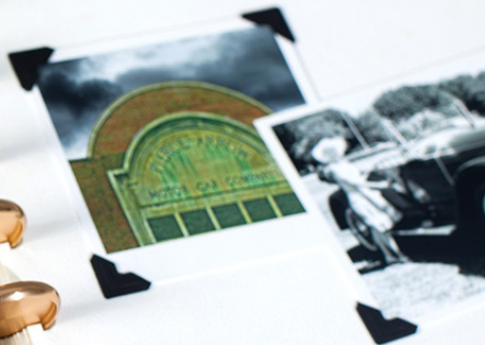
### *Pan-American Exposition*

1901

The eyes of the world focused on Buffalo as the city hosted the Pan-American Exposition to celebrate a century of progress in the western hemisphere. It was here that President William McKinley was assassinated and Vice President Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated at the Ansley Wilcox House as his successor. In more recent times, Parsons has contributed to work at Delaware Park, the main setting for the Pan-American Exposition.



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### *Pierce-Arrow Factory*

1905

Albert Kahn designed the revolutionary Bu model for nearly all future factory designs for their innovative features, Pierce-Arrow dignitaries, and royalty from around the



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Since 1944, Parsons has been improving the global standard of living by designing, engineering, and constructing transportation, energy, water, military, and commercial infrastructure. Beginning with founder Ralph M. Parsons and eight employees, the firm has grown to include 14,000 employees, working on more than 300 projects in 29 countries around the world. Parsons' history in Buffalo has included more than 300 projects since it opened its office in the city, in 1954. Since then, Parsons has expanded across the world, but the stories of Parsons and Buffalo have remained intertwined. We are proud to present a few highlights of this ongoing tale on the following pages, and we are excited for the opportunity to help author the next chapter.



## The 1920s



### *Peace Bridge Opens*

1927

The opening of the Peace Bridge was a momentous event not only for Buffalo and Fort Erie, Ontario, but also for the rest of the United States and Canada. The public tuned into the first international coast-to-coast radio broadcast to hear the ceremony, which was attended by many dignitaries, including the prime ministers of Great Britain and Canada, members of the British royal family, and the U.S. vice president and secretary of state. Still going strong, the Peace Bridge is one of the busiest border crossings between the U.S. and Canada. Beginning in 1963, Parsons has been involved in nearly every aspect of the Peace Bridge Authority's facilities and has served as the general engineering consultant for the bridge since the 1990s. Parsons is currently providing engineering services to replace the original deck and extend the bridge's life into the next century.



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