Flint Food System Timeline

Key

- Blue Underline = Positive Impact
- Red Underline = Negative Impact
- Green Underline = Both Positive and Negative Impacts
- Outlined Underline = Impact not specified
- Orange Shading = Particularly Significant Event

Early

- Flint Early Years
- Farmlands converted into suburbs / 1960s
- Flint GM Power Strike (1936-7)
- Redlining, preventing people of color from building wealth (1917-1950s)

1950s

- Post-Market goes out of business
- Flint Housing Act (1949)
- GM Plant closures, population decline
- Local Retailers Leave
- Plastics Food packaging becomes prominent
- Immigrants move into corner store niche
- Gas prices

1960s

- Car Base Reductions
- Small Farms fail in increasing faceless
- Creation of WIC (1965) and SNAP (1973)
- Food Bank Founded by Community (1967)
- Additional GM plant closures, population decline

1970s

- Hamady Stores Closes (1979)
- McDonalds comes to Flint
- After school programs with meals
- Federal Agricultural subsidies
- National DO Crop
- Kroger Meijers Opens
- Social shift to both adults working outside home

1980s

- Schools Close (1978)
- Additional GM Plant Closing (1987)
- Advances in Technology/Logistics/Transport
- Changes in Food Stamp Availability
- Kroger
- Kroger Closes local stores, Kroger takes over (1980s-90s)

1990s

- Dollar Meics in Flint

2000s

- Charter Schools
- Double Up Food Bucks Pilot (2013)
- Fleet of Grocer Stores and Family Dollar
- All Major Grocery Stores Leave

2010s

- Flint Farmers Market Voted Best in America (2010)
- FORECLOSED
- Financial Crisis/Housing Crisis (2008)
- Flint in Emergency Management (2002)
- Major Grocery Stores Closures
- Dollar Pop Stores

2011-12

- Water Rates
- Drug Policies and Increased Incarceration Rates
- City Loses Over $2 Million in Grant Funding Due to Not Collaborating
- Flint Emergency Manager Appointed/Water Crisis section 29, (M) 2011
  - Followed by Bad Grant (who after screwing Flint in 2008 left Flint to pay back the grant) Flint Today, and Grant Unknown

2014

- Trump Hiring Across Flint
- Farmers Market Moving to Downtown
- SNAP Decreases
- SNAP-ED Expansion Increased After Water Crisis and Increased in 2016
- Medicaire For Children Up To age 21, and Program Worries
- Pass Replacement Bridge
- Flint Fresh Collaboration Begins
- Flint Fresh Mobile Begins
- MDE Awards YMCA $3.4 Million For Food Hub Development and Veggie Boxes

2015

- Organic Farmer Storage
- Drug Pills Consuming, and Action Team Begins Work
- Michigan Good Food Fund Begins

2016

- Hamady Stores Closes Again
- FNBW Leadership Changes
- Food Hub Opens
- MDHHS Awards Flint Fresh $250K to Increase Veggie Box Access to Senior Citizens, People with Disabilities, and Homeless Populations
- Food Financial Begins in Flint
- MSU and Hurley Children's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative Recognized as National Model
- Kroger Farm Direct on Pension Sq.
- Food Bank Backpack Program expanding
- Tariff increases in food commodity

2017

- Hamady Stores Closing
- Flint Veggie Fresh Box Program Begins
- MSU and Hurley Children's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative Fruit and Vegetable Crop Program Begins

2018

- Global COVID-19 Pandemic
- National Guard members administer COVID tests to Flint residents
- HPRC's Launches Flint Community Webinar on Coronavirus, weekly health information sessions

2019

- Flint Leverage Points Project Begins: Partnership with Community Foundation of Greater Flint to map the Flint food system and identify leverage points for positive change
- LET'S FIX FOOD FLINT

2020

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