

# Comcast Center Timeline

**Reshaping Philadelphia's skyline with the construction of the 975 foot, 58-story Comcast Center didn't happen overnight.**

**2000** *December* – Liberty Property Trust announces plans to develop a new office complex on a 90,000-square foot site located adjacent to the Suburban Station commuter gateway between 17th and 18th Streets and John F. Kennedy Boulevard and Arch Streets.

**2001** *May* – Liberty unveils its long-term plans for the site, which include two office towers, a public plaza, and a new gateway to Suburban Station. The primary component, a tower called One Pennsylvania Plaza, is designed to be the fourth-tallest building in Philadelphia. Liberty expects to commence development of this tower when a significant tenant is secured.

Relocation of tenants in an existing, eight-story office building (“The Public Defenders’ Building”) begins. Liberty begins preliminary site work including relocation of utilities. Demolition of the Public Defenders Building (17th & Arch) begins.

**2002** *Fall* – Preliminary site work substantially complete, Public Defenders’ Building demolition complete.

**2005** *January* – One Pennsylvania Plaza becomes Comcast Center, as Comcast Corporation affirms its new design for the tower, a design which will make Comcast Center the tallest building in Philadelphia at 975 feet. Comcast’s lease calls for the company to initially occupy 534,000 square feet, with options to expand to approximately 900,000 square feet in the first tower to accommodate future growth, as well as option rights to an entire second tower. Excavation on the site begins.

*April* – Groundbreaking ceremony features Kodo Drummers and the drum line from Germantown High School, from which Comcast’s founder Ralph Roberts graduated.

*August* - Comcast leases an additional 338,000 square feet. A design modification adds one floor, which brings Comcast Center to 56 occupiable floors, for a total of 1.25 million square feet.

**2006** *February* – Steel erection begins.

*December* – Curtainwall commences.

**2007** *June* – Steel is topped out. Comcast and Liberty Property Trust hold a topping off ceremony - at which a beam bearing a statue of William Penn is hoisted to the highest point of the Comcast Center, topping off Philadelphia’s new tallest skyscraper.

*November* – Initial Comcast occupancy commences.

*November* – Workers complete the installation of “Humanity in Motion,” by renowned artist Jonathan Borofsky.

**2008** *June* – Comcast Center is officially open.

