William Penn granted land in the new world, founds Philadelphia in 1682
The plan for Philadelphia creates order, community and safety…
Penn’s Charter of Privileges presages modern democratic freedoms
Ben Franklin arrives in Philadelphia at age 16: Invents everything
The United States is invented in Philadelphia in 1776 at Independence Hall
Philadelphia builds the first municipal water system in 1820
City of Firsts: Hospitals, Secular Universities, Public Zoo, and the US Navy
Fairmount Park is the oldest park system in the United States
Philadelphia City Hall: The largest municipal building in the United States
Connecting city to park: building the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in 1917
Philadelphia creates the modern commercial downtown in 1950
Institutions of higher learning in academics and medicine

Temple University

University of Pennsylvania

Drexel University

Jefferson University
Professional services in law, design, finance and communication
Expanded convention center and tourism
Arts, culture, and the creative economy
Specialty manufacturing and distribution
Who we are: a city of 1.5 million, vibrant, diverse people - and growing
Former industrial neighborhoods make a comeback
Rowhouses dominate the residential market
A wide variety of uses typify urban living
Spirit of Penn’s ‘Greene Countrie Towne’ lives on
Sustainability, transit and connectedness in the northeast corridor
Commitment to public space and the importance of civic life
Rejuvenating 37 miles of waterfront
Philadelphia – “The City of Brotherly Love”