

For 200 years, the Fairmount Water Works has been a leading symbol of technological innovation, a cultural destination, and leader in urban environmental education. What makes Fairmount Water Works unique among environmental centers is its location at the river's edge and in the center of the fifth largest city in the nation.



We invite you to join the year-long celebration of this public-private partnership dedicated to a healthy Schuylkill River, a vibrant Fairmount Park, and to fostering stewardship of our precious shared water resources.

- Housed the sole water pumping station for Philadelphia (1815-1909).
- Opened in 2003 as an environmental education center and public classroom of Philadelphia Water.
- National Historic Landmark, Civil Engineering Landmark, & National Mechanical Engineering Landmark.
- A destination for more than 520,000 visitors to date.
- Educating and exciting 40,000 people annually on how to be better stewards of our precious water resources.
- Free and open to the public six days a week.
- Home to a living laboratory for water-based research, linking public education, interpretation and real-time research.
- Partners with the Philadelphia School District, providing free educational programming in a classroom setting.
- Visited by tens of thousands of students who participate in programming which melds science, technology, engineering, art & architecture, and math (STEAM).
- Recognized by the PA Department of Environmental Protection as the *Delaware River Basin's Official Watershed Education Center* and as a Gateway Center for the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area.
- Responsible for an annual budget of \$2million with basic operating funds provided by Philadelphia Water and for raising program and capital funds from private sources.
- Supported by William Penn Foundation, Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation, Philadelphia Global Water Initiative, and The Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, in addition to colleges, universities, corporations and individual donors.
- Committed to partnering with diverse groups to sustain and enhance visitors' educational experience through innovative expansion, programmatic excellence and pioneering research over the next 25 years.
- A truly unique backdrop for private events.

