

# Understanding the Urban Watershed: Classroom Curriculum Connection

## Fairmount Water Works

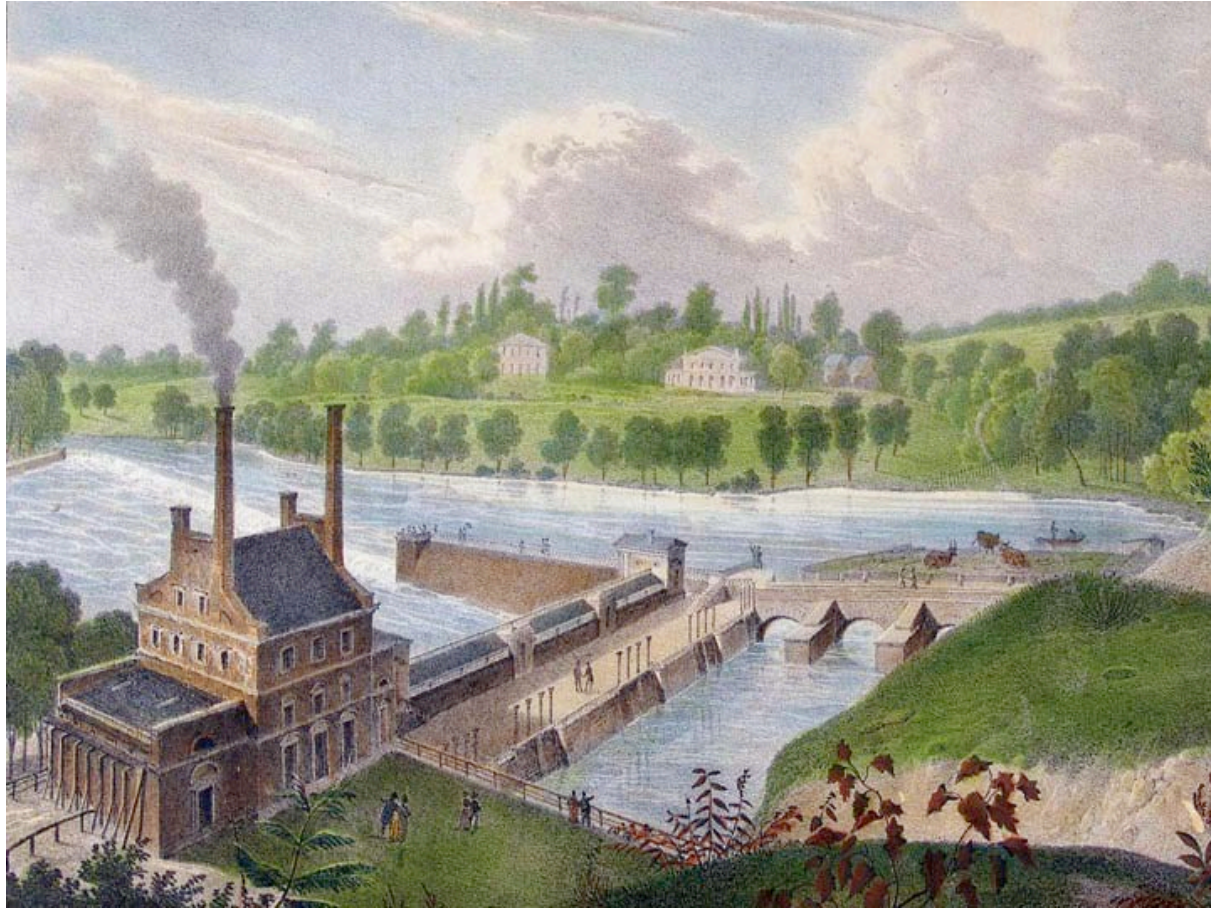
# Water for the City

- Need/Love of water
- Public health
- Urban Water Supply and Drainage requires an engineered system
- Pollution from stormwater runoff requires a managed system that is both economical and sustainable





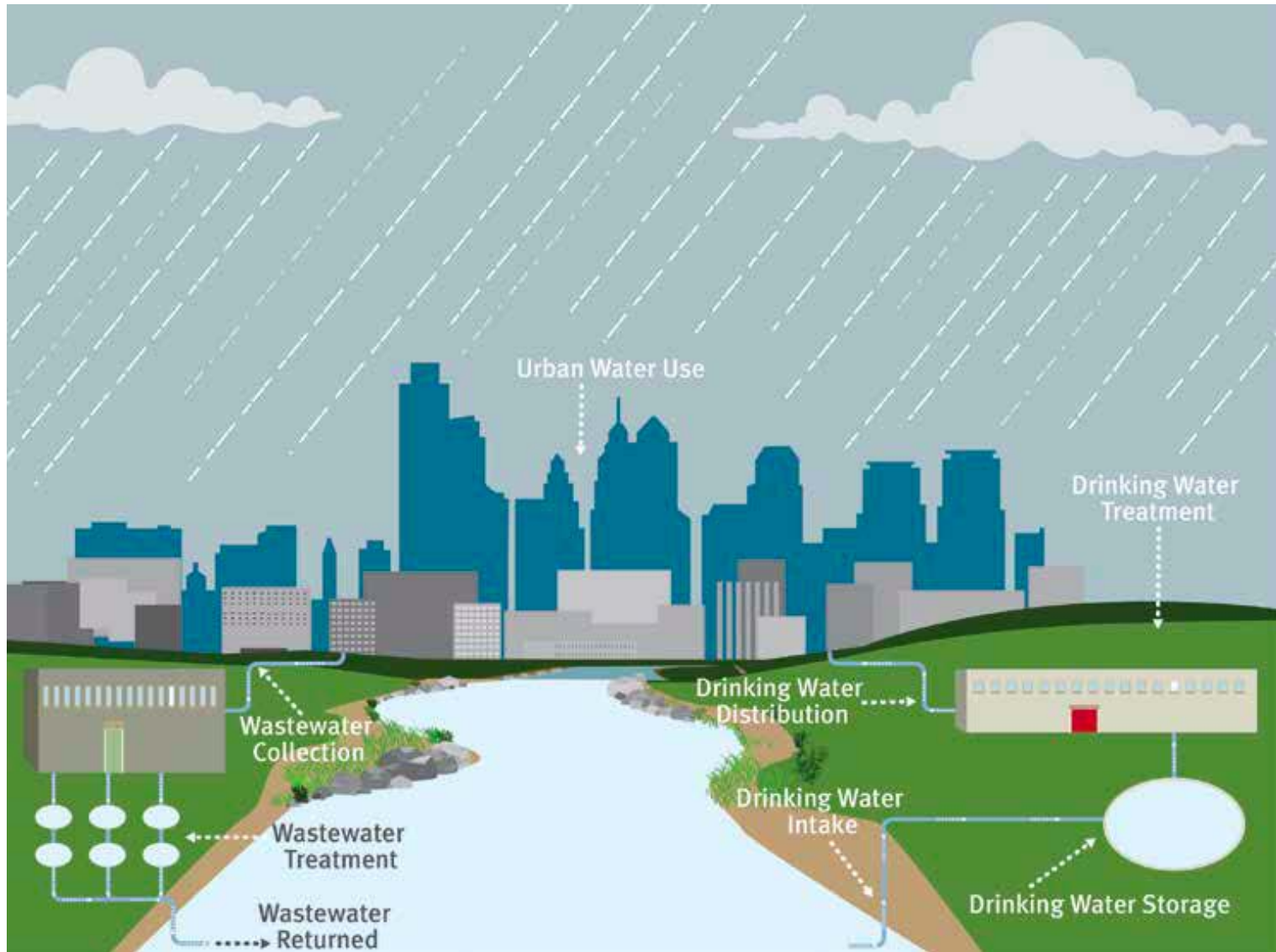
# Power of Place: Fairmount Water Works is a National Historic Engineering landmark in urban water supply



# Power of Place: Fairmount Water Works is the Center of Urban Watershed Education for the Philadelphia Water Department



# Everyone Uses Water

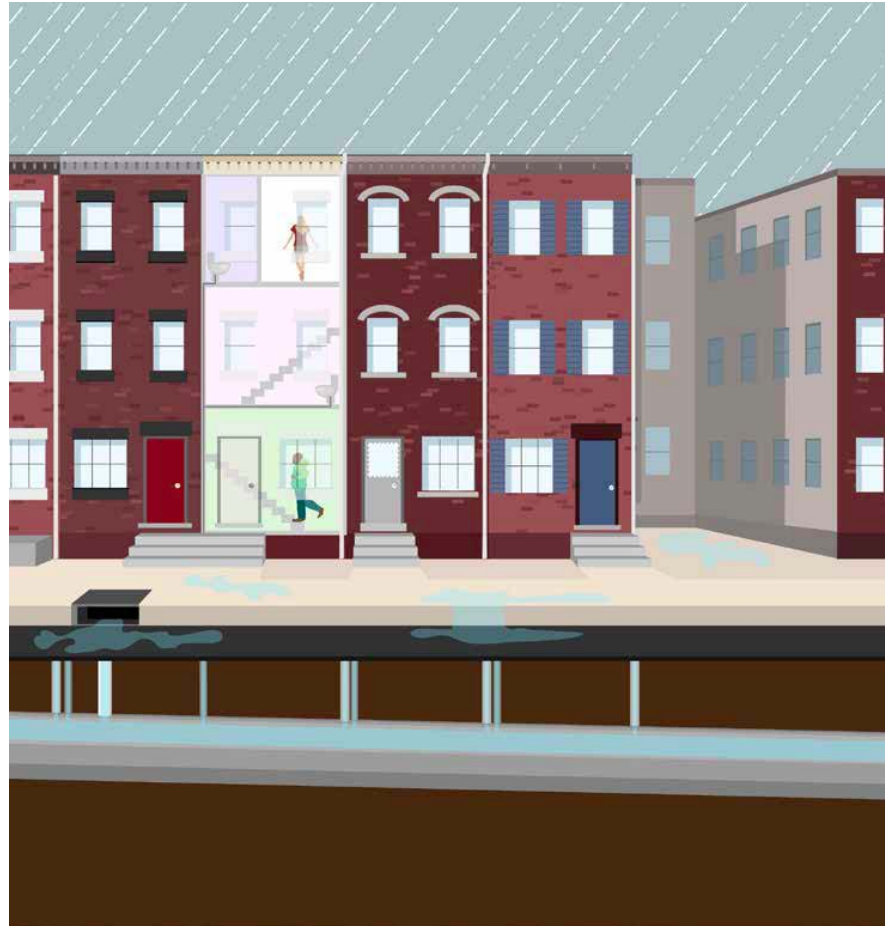




# Everyone lives in a watershed



# Out of Sight, Out of Mind?



# Green ? Schools





# Using the Watershed as an Integrated Context for Learning

*Because the environment is connected to everything around us – from science to history and social science to literature – it offers an authentic and dynamic context for teachers and students to tie together teaching and learning across the core disciplines*

Gerald Lieberman, founding director of the State Education and Environment Roundtable



# PWD Green City, Clean Waters +



# Classroom Learning =



Thematic Unit 1:  
**Water in Our World**



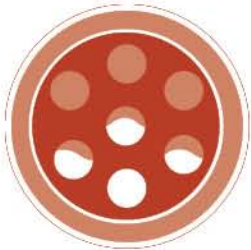
Thematic Unit 4:  
**Land and Water: A delicate  
balance (or Can't We All  
Just Get Along?)**



Thematic Unit 3:  
**Drinking Water and You**



Thematic Unit 5:  
**Green Plan for the  
Future: Playing a Part**



Thematic Unit 3:  
**Down the Drain, or Out  
of Sight, Out of Mind**



Thematic Unit 6:  
**Environmental  
Stewardship**



# Making it rain



# Classroom to Schoolyard Connection









# Planting powerful STEM opportunities



# Fairmount Water Works Field Trips are experiential and place-based learning





# Sensory experience— taking it outside





# Greenfield 4<sup>th</sup> graders test their engineering skills



# Discovering the river in a myriad of ways



# Middle Years Curriculum Program

## *Understanding the Urban Watershed*

- 3-year Teacher Fellowship Program supported in large part by the William Penn Foundation Teacher written- teacher driven curriculum
  - Powerful learning
  - Content support/pedagogy/lesson planning and testing in the classroom
  - Connect to real world learning /Resources of PWD and Partners
  - Standards-based (Common Core/NGSS)
  - Progressive and innovative
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# 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Year 1 at one of a series of Saturday sessions to Discover, Connect , Act





# Curriculum Connections– Get outside





For more information...

# FAIRMOUNT WATER WORKS

DISCOVER ◊ CONNECT ◊ ACT





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