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Everybody has a Watershed. Where's yours?

From Cobbs Creek to the Poquessing, there's a watershed near you. Some watersheds are small, some large.

Drew Brown and Jacquelyn Bivins of the Philadelphia Water Department will help you explore local watersheds when they present "The Thirsty Land" on Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center.

Did you know that Philadelphia is located in the Delaware River Basin Watershed? Can you guess where this watershed begins?

It actually starts way up in New York State near the city of Hancock, and then flows 330 miles south to the mouth of the Delaware Bay.

The Schuylkill River is also a watershed, located within the Delaware River Basin Watershed. And just like the branches of a tree, various smaller streams flow into the Schuylkill – which flows into the Delaware River – making up many smaller watersheds. One of them is yours!

Build a model watershed and learn how to protect your watershed from pollution. Quench your thirst for watershed facts by joining Jackie and Drew at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, where the historic buildings of one of Philadelphia's first pumping stations have been transformed into a lively and exciting environmental education center packed with interactive exhibits.

Located at 640 Water Works Drive, along the east bank of the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park, the Interpretive Center is the region's premier ecotourism center and has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as the official Delaware River Basin's Watershed Center.

The Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center is operated by the Philadelphia Water Department and is ADA accessible. The Center is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. It is closed on Monday's and City holidays. Admission is free.

For more information about upcoming programs or to schedule group tours, call 215-685-0723, or visit www.fairmountwaterworks.org.

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