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**Fairmount Dam Fish Ladder Rehabilitation Groundbreaking Ceremony
Renovations to Improve Aquatic Life and Enhance Educational Programs**

Who: U. S. Senator Arlen Specter, U.S. Congressman Chaka Fattah, U.S. Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz's District Director, Julie Slavet, local officials, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Philadelphia Water Department

What: Fairmount Dam Fish Ladder Rehabilitation Groundbreaking Ceremony

Where: Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, 640 Water Works Drive

When: Monday, December 10, 2007, 10:15 a.m.
(Photo Opportunity at approximately 10:30 a.m. on gazebo pier)

The Fairmount Dam Fish Ladder is the largest fish passage structure in the Schuylkill River Watershed and, as the farthest downstream passageway, is especially critical to the overall success of restoring fish passage on the Schuylkill River and its tributaries.

Once optimized, the Fairmount Dam Fish Ladder will allow passage around the dam for as many as 250,000 American Shad, as well as other migratory species such as Hickory Shad, Alewife, Blueback Herring, American Eel, Striped Bass, Gizzard Shad and White Perch. In addition, an outdoor classroom, a highly sophisticated video monitoring system and viewing window will add an educational component to be used at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center.

The Fairmount Dam Fish Ladder rehabilitation project is being managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in partnership with the Philadelphia Water Department, with generous support from U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, U.S. Congressman Chaka Fattah, U.S. Congressman Robert Brady, U.S. Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission and the Fairmount Park Commission.

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