

## Fairmount Waterworks

- First municipal water works in the United States
- Became a model for similar facilities around the US
- Today is an interpretive center educating visitors on the importance of an urban watershed and how to protect and care for it.

### Primary Sources

#### *Schuylkill Water Works*

By Mumford

Illustration of Waterworks building, articles and notations on history of site and area

*Proposals for establishing a company for the purpose of employing the surplus power of the steam-engine erected near the river Schuylkill: under the title and firm of the Philadelphia Rolling Company*

Published 1801

Call number: LCP folio

*Report of the Committee appointed by the Common Council to enquire into the state of the waterworks.*

By Philadelphia Committee on the Water Works (1802)

Call number: LCP

#### *Fairmount Waterworks*

Contains reproductions of 19th century illustrations of the Fairmount Waterworks. Includes a view of the waterworks and the art museum.

by Philadelphia Record, 4 photoprints

Call number: V7:2265

Several images of Waterworks in HSP Digital Library.

Image at right: A view of the Fairmount Water-Works Showing the Bridge Previous to Its Destruction by Fire  
Lithograph, by John T. Bowen, 1838  
Digital Image #262

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## Secondary Sources

### *Philadelphia's first water works*

by Mease, James, published 1925

Call number: UPA/PAM TD 225.5 .F35 1925

### *The Fairmount Waterworks, Philadelphia*

by Harold Donaldson Eberlein

Call number: To .3275 v.62

### *Fairmount Reservoir*

Article: excavation of foundations of reservoir site for construction of Philadelphia Museum of Art at Spring Garden St. uncovered wood pipes from ca.1810-1817; history of water supply to city via waterworks discussed.

Call number: Campbell Collection v.17 p.70-72