

Improving the City of Philadelphia

Creating public parks and safe drinking water for all - people and animals

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Fairmount Waterworks ^[1]

- 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.

Eli Kirk Price/Fairmount Park Commission ^[2]

- Lawyer known for his real estate expertise
- Original member of the city's Park Commission, founded in 1867
- Responsible for acquiring the land tract that later comprised Fairmount Park
- Commission was formed to take charge of the land purchased to preserve the city's water supply and provide a place of public enjoyment for the people.

Women's Humane Society/Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ^[3]

- First animal shelter in the country
- Founded by Caroline Earle White, April 1869
- Began in order to improve the mistreatment of horses and dogs
- Opened a small shelter in 1912 for cats, with the countries first animal adoption program

Links

[1] <https://hsp.org/sites/default/files/fairmountwaterworks.pdf>

[2] <https://hsp.org/sites/default/files/elikirkpricefairmountparkcommission.pdf>

[3] https://hsp.org/sites/default/files/womens_humane_society.pdf