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Registration Now Open for First Annual Cobbs Creek 5K Run/Walk
Inaugural event presented by Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Philadelphia Water Department, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the Fairmount Park Conservancy, Friends Central Middle School, GLH Concepts, Philadelphia Runner & the Rothman Institute

Philadelphia, Pa. – March 9, 2011 – Registration is open for the First Annual Cobbs Creek 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 23. The inaugural event is presented by the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Philadelphia Water Department, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the Fairmount Park Conservancy, Friends Central Middle School, GLH Concepts, Philadelphia Runner & the Rothman Institute. The Cobbs Creek 5K will support the revitalization of Cobbs Creek Park and bring the community back to the park and the creek itself.

“Philadelphia Parks & Recreation is pleased to provide support for the Cobbs Creek 5K Run/Walk, scheduled for April 23, 2011,” said Jean Hunt, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation City-Wide Youth Development Coordinator. “We have made a commitment to Cobbs Creek Park that includes increasing program opportunities in the park and participating in events that will draw families and area residents to this beautiful natural resource for the community. We believe this run is a promising development and are happy to join with the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership to make it possible.”

The Cobbs Creek 5K will take runners and walkers through West Philadelphia’s beautiful Cobbs Creek Park. The family event aims to build awareness of the existing amenities and family programs in the park. The course is centered on the many municipal amenities available around Cobbs Creek, such as the Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center, Cobbs Creek Recreation

Center, the Laura Sims Skatehouse, the Philadelphia Water Department's Marshall Road Stream Restoration Project as well as Fairmount Park's Karakung Golf Course, bocce ball courts and natural land areas north of Market Street.

"The Philadelphia Water Department along with its partners Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership, is very excited about the First Annual Cobbs Creek 5k Run/walk," said Joanne Dahme, General Manager of Public Affairs for the Philadelphia Water Department. "We see this as another terrific opportunity to introduce a whole new audience, runners and dedicated walkers, to the beauty and natural treasures of Cobbs Creek Park."

"The Cobbs Creek 5K promotes personal and environmental health," said Patrick Starr, Senior VP for the PEC. "Participants will witness firsthand some of the challenges facing this urban creek and can learn how to become stewards of the Cobbs Creek Park through the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership."

Residents may register for the Cobbs Creek 5K by visiting the Fairmount Park Conservancy's website (www.myphillypark.org) and clicking on the [Donate Now](#) page. Participants must select "Event" under options and choose the Cobbs Creek 5K in the drop down menu. From there, residents may choose their desired participation level. Participation levels and registration fees are as follows:

- 5K Runner: \$20
- 5K Walker: \$15
- 5K Kids (Ages 12 and under): \$10

All fees will benefit the revitalization effort underway in Cobbs Creek Park. Registration will also be taken on the day of the event. Runners will be charged an additional \$5 for day-of registration.

The start and finish line will be at 63rd Street and Cedar Street. A bag check will be provided and participants may park along 63rd Street. The Cobbs Creek 5K encourages residents to take public transportation:

- Train: Market-Frankford Line to 63rd Street
- Bus: 21, 31, 42
- Trolley: 34

The schedule of events is as follows:

- Registration: 8:00 a.m.
- Warm-Up: 8:45 a.m.
- Run Begins: 9:00 a.m.
- Walk Begins: 9:30 a.m.

For more information on the Cobbs Creek 5K, residents may visit

http://www.phillywatersheds.org/whats_in_it_for_you/events_and_programs/cobbs_creek_5k.

Residents may also call Mr. Khiet Luong at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council at 215-545-4570 x107.

About The Fairmount Park Conservancy

The Fairmount Park Conservancy enhances the quality of life of the Greater Philadelphia region through the financial support of projects and programs throughout the Fairmount Park system. The Conservancy actively supports initiatives that improve the environment, spark community revitalization, encourage recreation and tourism, and preserve historic treasures. Since 2001, the Conservancy has raised more than \$20 million for capital improvements and innovative programming. The Fairmount Park Conservancy spearheaded the \$8.2 million campaign to restore The Fairmount Water Works South Garden and Cliffside and is currently undertaking a multimillion revitalization effort of Hunting Park, the 87-acre landscaped park in North Philadelphia. The Fairmount Park system covers more than 9,200 acres, includes a network of more than 60 parks and contains some of the region's most famous treasures and attractions. It contributes to the quality of air, water and life, and is considered one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, please visit www.myphillypark.org. Find the Fairmount Park Conservancy on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FairmountParkConservancy.