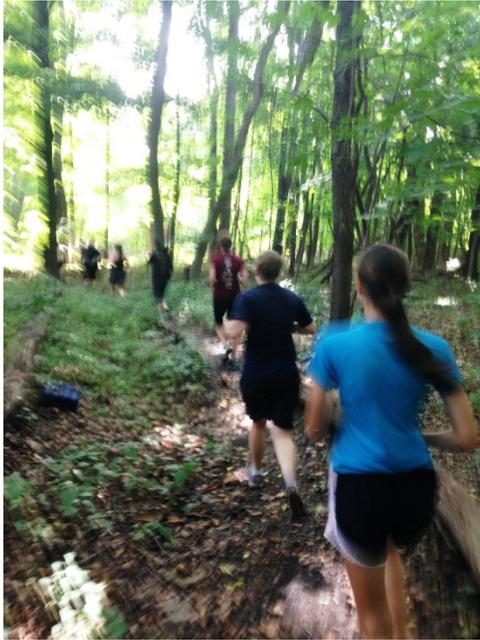




# Belmont Plateau Trail Restoration Project



For generations, Philadelphia’s competitive runners have tested their mettle on the steep, rugged slopes of Belmont Plateau in West Fairmount Park. “The Plateau” as it is affectionately known, comprises several cross country trail loops and has been host to countless youth, high school, college and National Championship meets since the 1960s.

Since this period, the trail course has suffered from heavy usage, trail erosion and vegetative growth. The Fairmount Park Conservancy—supported by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, the cross country community, amateur runners and hikers—will embark on a three-pronged approach to restore the reputation of the course, enhance the usability and legibility of the trail network through signage and mapping while provide both technical guidance and financial support for sustainable maintenance of the trails.

1) **Planning & Analysis:** Mapping existing conditions and synthesizing trail needs as outlined by trail users and maintenance staff. Landscape upgrades around the finish line will also be recommended.

2) **Signage & Wayfinding:** A unique suite of signs and markers throughout the XC landscape will be designed and installed to guide runners. Maps and cases will be installed at key trailheads and race starts. This map will show connections to adjacent single track trails used in the NW portion of West Park.

3) **Maintenance:** A maintenance endowment used by operations and landscape management staff will ensure long-term sustainability of the trails.

*This project has been and will be funded in part by participants in the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Blue Cross Broad Street Run running with the Fairmount Park Conservancy's team of Park Champions and raising funds for the project. For more information or to register for the 2015 Broad Street Run, please visit: [crowdrise.com/bsr2015](http://crowdrise.com/bsr2015)*

## Current Conditions:



*Worn out, illegible signage*



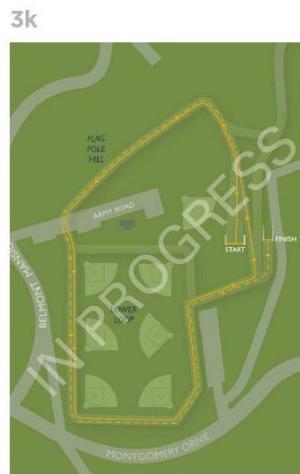
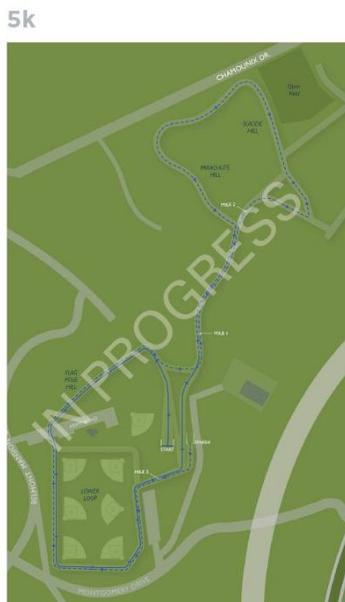
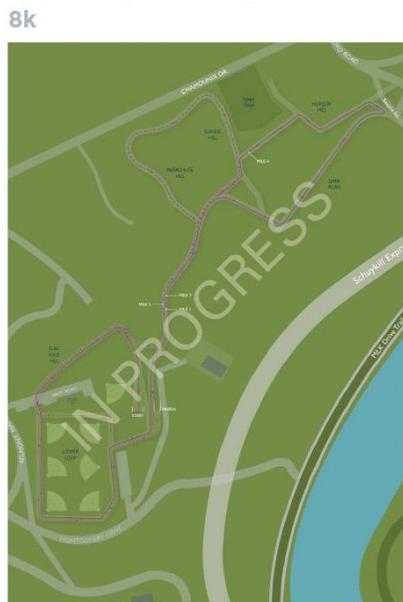
*Inconsistent and worn down mile markers*



# Proposed Renderings:



**Consistent trail markings for 3 courses (8k, 5k, 3k) and an info kiosk for ALL trail users**



**Trail mapping**

**Signage Detail**