

FAIRMOUNT PARK

CONSERVANCY

BROAD STREET RUN FUNDED TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

LOCATION:

West Fairmount Park



When you join Fairmount Park Conservancy's team for the **Broad Street Run**, you're making an investment in a unique trail network just four miles from Center City. Radiating out from Belmont Plateau and through the ravines of West Park, the running, hiking and biking trails of West Park offer something for every age and interest. At the center of this network sits the Belmont Cross Country Course—a challenging loop through open fields and wooded hills offering spectacular skyline views. Since 2014, support from the Broad Street Run has allowed the Conservancy to make the following improvements to this historic course:

- A maintenance plan to guide physical improvements, reduce hazards and sustainably manage course operations;
- A \$70,000 signage program to guide runners through the 3,5 and 8K loops while giving the course a distinct brand;
- Erosion control projects to reduce uneven track conditions;
- Yearly application of 150 tons of stone to level and smooth the course;
- Engineering for larger projects such as improving the Army Road crossing.

CITY PARTNERS:

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

Proceeds generated by the Conservancy's Broad Street Run team have also helped in building the first sections of the Trolley Trail—a planned 5 mile soft trail loop around West Park following the route of the former Fairmount Park Trolley. Additional segments, along with new bridge and wayfinding signage, are planned for the upcoming year.

