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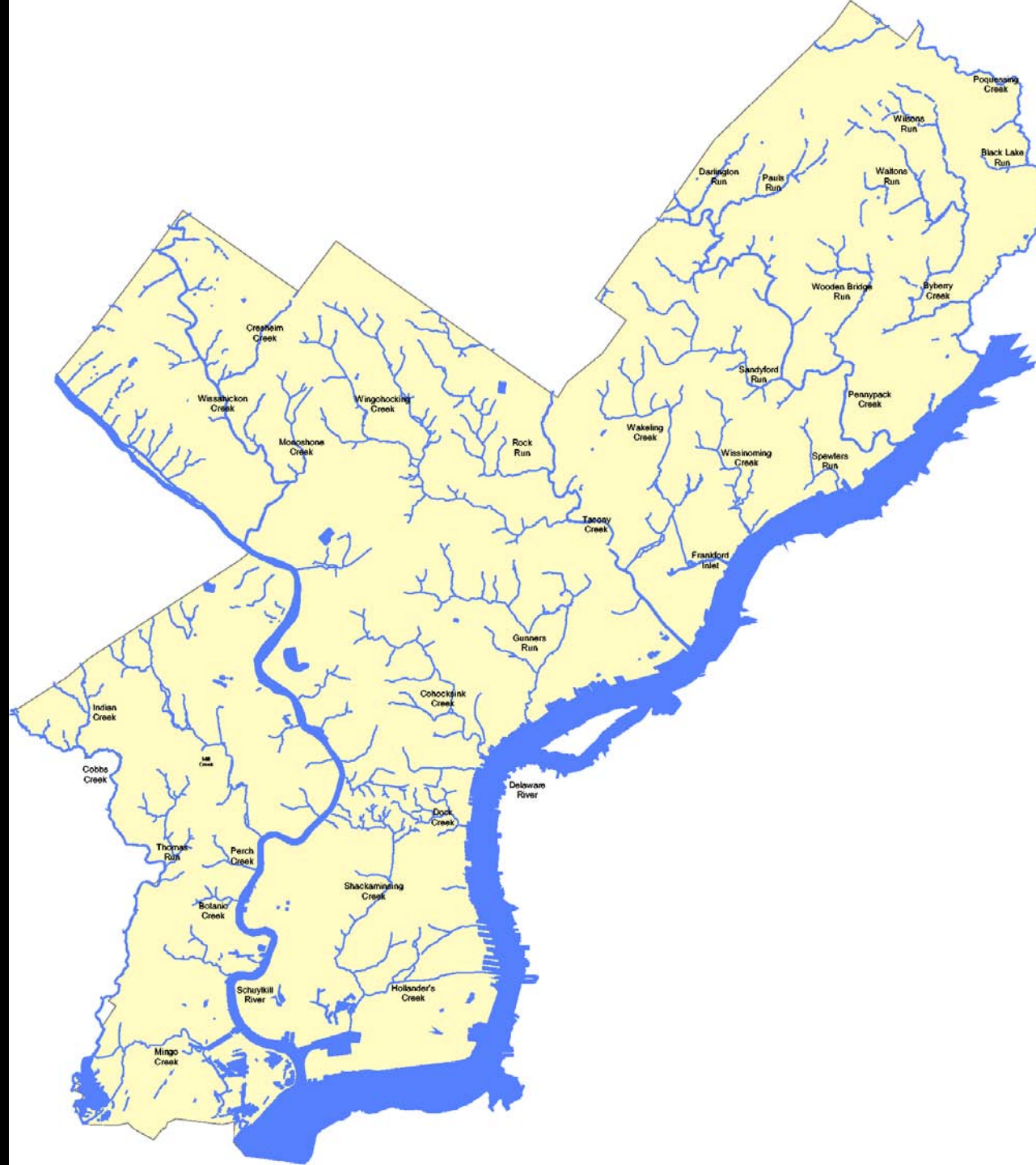
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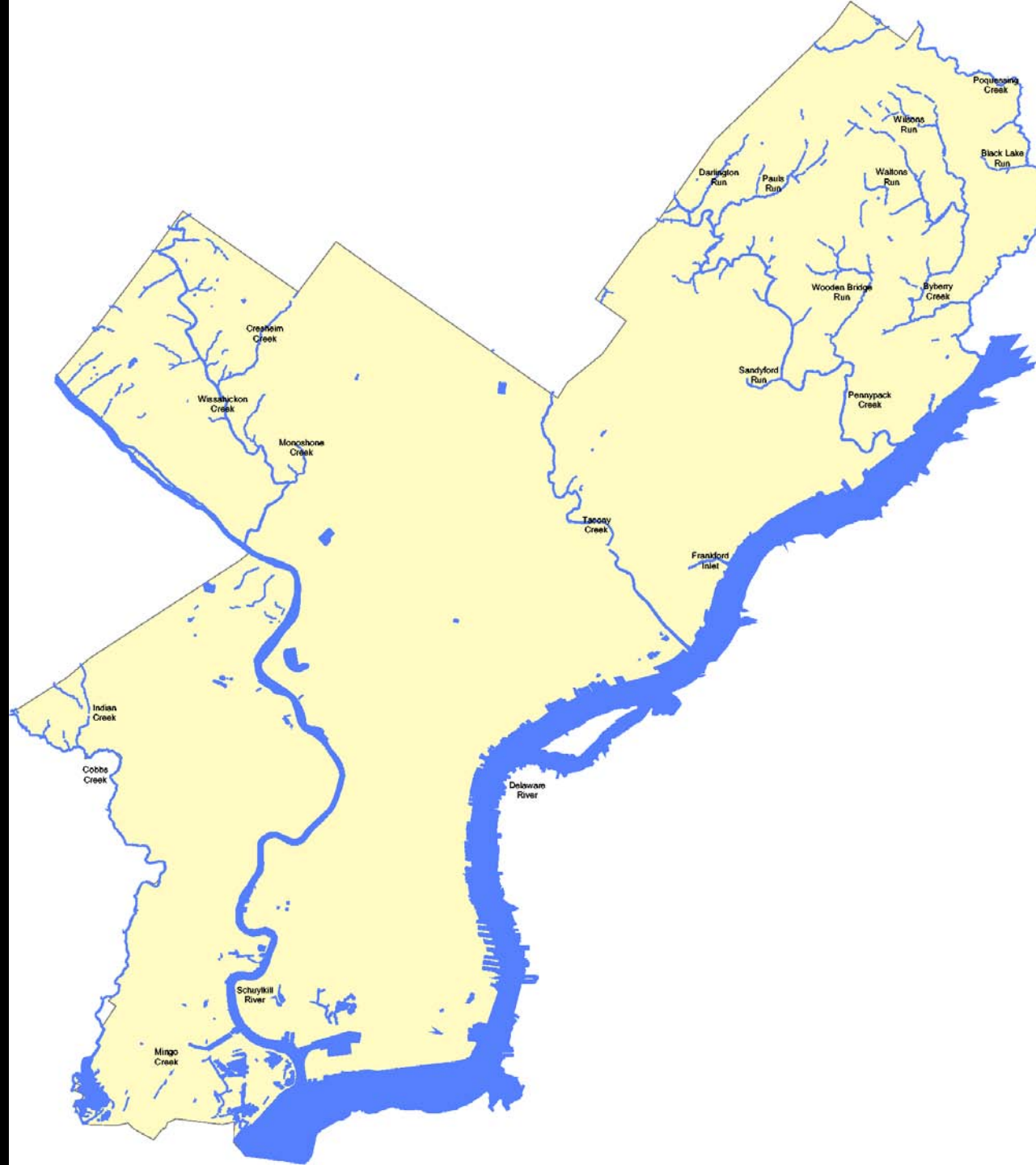
Water for Settlement



BERNARD AVENUE BRIDGE.
CALUMET PARK PHILADELPHIA.







Water for Growth



Citizens Speak



"The Delaware River's pungent stench reached as far inland as City Hall" - City Archives 1949

"Yacht Quits Anchorage Here as River's Filth Mars Paint"
- Public Ledger 1931

WRITTEN WITH SCHUYLKILL WATER.
Phila June 4. 1896

Editor of Inquirer.

The fluid with which I am writing I have labelled "Schuyll kill Ink." This decoction ^{is} ~~is~~ ^(from) the settlings of water drawn this morning from the spigot of Stationary was ^(is) ~~is~~ and in second story of our houses and makes a very fair Ink. This is one of the new uses of our celebrated Schuyllkill water. It might ^(part) ~~say~~ some one to go into the manufacture of Ink from this source. ^(source) Respectfully
H. B.

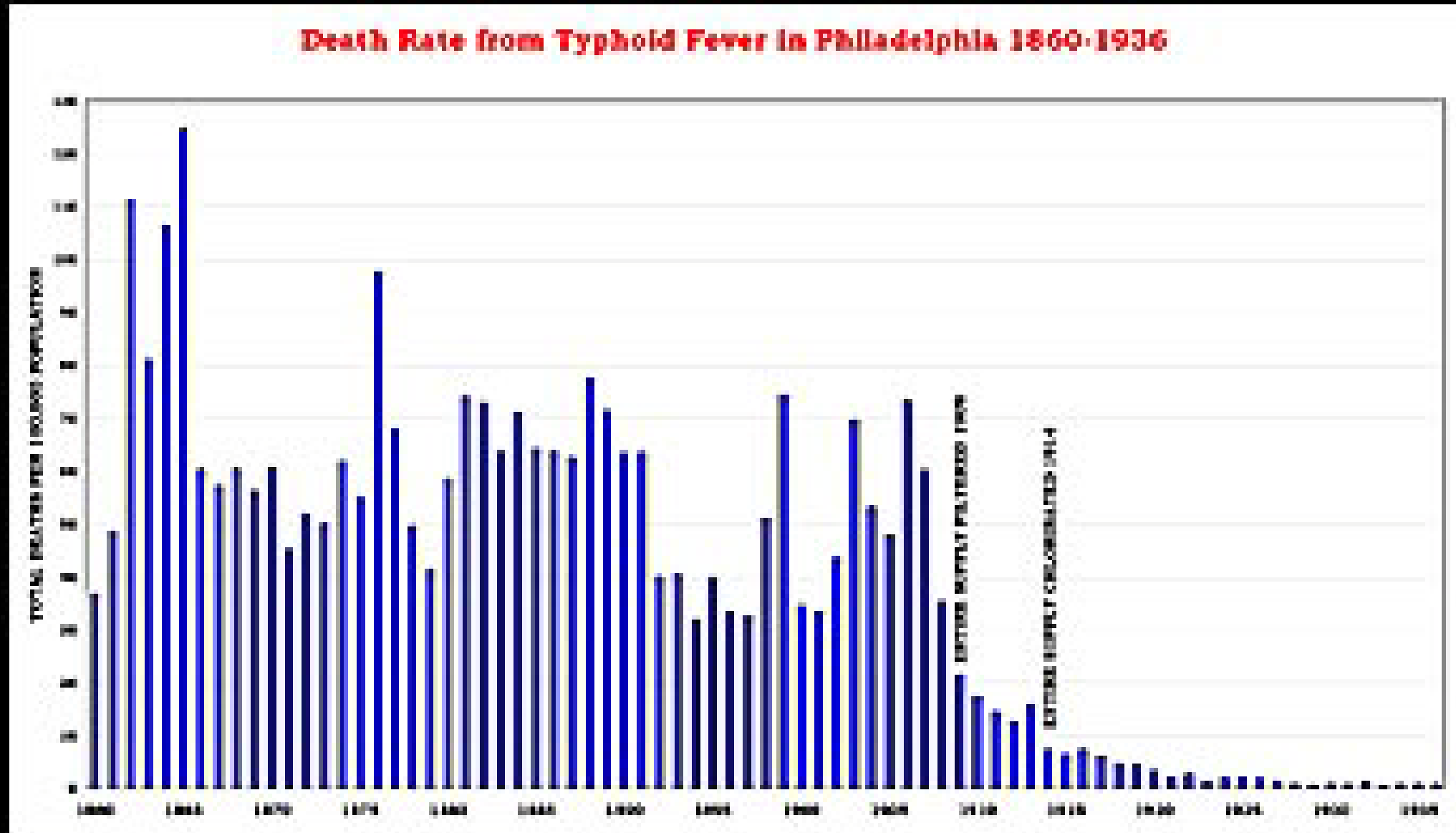
Written with Schuylkill Water, 1896
Philadelphia Water Department



Water for Human Health



The Leap to Environmental Health



A Shift to Environmental Justice

Mayor Takes Jeep Ride Through Sewer



Standing on the hood of a jeep, Mayor Samuel puts a question about the construction of 13-foot, round storm relief sewer to Samuel S. Baxter, (left) assistant chief of the Bureau of Engineering, Surveys and Zoning and Thomas Buckley (right) Director of Public Works. Sewer starts under Fairmount av. near East River drive and is 1,713 feet long

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Mayor Samuel took a jeep ride 75 feet below the surface of the ground today to inspect the first completed unit of the North Philadelphia storm relief sewer.

After spending more than a half-hour inspecting the sewer, which is 1,713 feet long, 13 feet high and 13 feet wide, His Honor emerged into broad daylight again on Fairmount av. near the East River drive, obviously pleased.

"This is really a cookeroo," he exclaimed, using a word which Mr. Webster hadn't gotten around to including in his dictionary.

This was, naturally, meant as a superlative, and it didn't compare at all with Mr. Samuel's only other enthusiastic exclamation of the afternoon, which ran like this:

"Isn't this something! You can get a trolley down here."

The mayor was accompanied on the inspection trip by Director of Public Works Thomas Buckley; A. Zane Hoffman, chief of the Bureau of Engineering Surveys and Zoning; Samuel S. Baxter, assistant chief, and Robert Lombardi, the contractor.

The party was lowered into the sewer through a shaft, like miners descending into a mine, by means of a square metal lift operated by a Diesel-powered crane.

The jeep was waiting at the bottom of the shaft. The mayor and his companion took places in the jeep, which started off slowly over the granite-slatted floor of the sewer.

It drove down under Fairmount av. to 23d st. and turned north to Aspen, where the sewer came to a dead end. The jeep then turned around and went back to its starting point.

Makes Foot Trip Too
The mayor found time to leave the jeep for a few moments and walk around the sewer, which has walls and a roof lined with concrete. Electric bulbs strung along the walls lighted the way.

This section of the sewer cost \$900,000 and was begun in August, 1947. Workmen had to blast through solid rock to make the large tunnel.

In time, other sewers will be connected to this unit as part of a \$6,000,000 program to provide better drainage in North Philadelphia streets.



A a Return to Fishable, Swimmable

















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