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**Fairmount CDC hosts Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate 29<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge Lighting**

**Philadelphia, PA-** The Fairmount Community Development Corporation (CDC) hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 7, 2019 to celebrate the lighting project on the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia.

The bridge at 29<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania Avenues connects to a set of trails in Fairmount Park that lead directly to Lemon Hill and Boathouse Row, both major centers of cultural and economic activity. Improving connections to these areas will help benefit the community of small businesses, as well as increase overall safety in the adjacent areas.

The 29th Street Pedestrian Bridge has been cited by neighbors and residents as an area needing lighting improvement to make this unique entry point into Fairmount Park feel safer and more welcoming. The project is one piece of the larger Fairmount Ave Forward initiative, a series of lighter, quicker, cheaper improvements Fairmount CDC is working to make throughout the neighborhood.

The project is being funded through a \$30,000 a Department of Community and Economic Development Keystone Community Grant secured by Senator Farnese. The lighting design was created by BEAM: <https://www.beamltd.com/>. Carr & Duff is completing the current and on-going electrical work pro bono: <https://carrduff.com/>.

**About the Fairmount CDC**

The Fairmount CDC's mission is to foster the improvement of the residential, commercial, and social fabric of the Fairmount neighborhood, while preserving its character and diversity. For more information, visit [www.fairmountcdc.org](http://www.fairmountcdc.org).



**Photo Caption**

From Left to Right: Fairmount CDC President Charles Neer, Fairmount CDC Executive Director, Sarajane Blair, State Representative Donna Bullock, Shawn Duff, Carr & Duff, Senator Larry Farnese, and Councilman William Greenlee celebrate the lighting of the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge in the Fairmount neighborhood of Philadelphia.

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