

THE ROCK CREEK PROJECT

FUN FACTS

Did you know?

- Silver is used to kill bacteria in water purification systems.
- Revolutionary War hero Paul Revere produced the copper hull sheathing, bronze cannon, spikes and pumps for the U.S. S. Constitution, known as “Old Ironsides.”
- Of the 1,740,000 metric tons of silver discovered to date, 55% was found in just four countries on earth.
- The boilers on Robert Fulton’s steamboats were made from copper.
- Silver is used in 90% of the most common solar energy cells.
- One of the Dead Sea Scrolls found in Israel is made of copper.
- Archeologists have recovered a portion of a water plumbing system from the Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. The copper tubing used was found in serviceable condition after more than 5,000 years.
- Silver is used in surgical scalpels, bandages, and dressings to control infection.
- Ten thousand years ago, cave dwellers used copper axes as weapons and tools.
- The University of Pennsylvania has a copper frying pan dating back 5,000 years.
- All the silver discovered to date would fit in a cube 55 meters on a side.
- The new dollar coin minted in 2000 is 87.5% copper.
- The average washing machine uses silver in sixteen different components.

