DuPage Teachers Attend a Water Conservation and DWC History Presentation and Tour at DuPage Water Commission

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On March 2, 2012 School & Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education (SCARCE) arranged for five DuPage teachers to attend a history and water conservation presentation about DuPage Water Commission (DWC) and our Water Conservation and Protection Program (WCAPP).

Manager of Operations Terry McGhee presented the teachers with a background on how the Commission came into existence as well as how the Commission delivers water to their customers. Water Conservation Coordinator Jenessa Rodriguez presented the four programs from the WCAPP to the teachers which included: Water Pledge, Residential Leak Detection and Repair, Rain Gauge and Landscape Watering, and Rain Barrel Usage. A tour of the DuPage Pumping Station and new LEED certified generator building also took place so the teachers could get a better understand of how a pumping station works.

The promotional materials that DWC hands out at events were given to the teachers to use in their classrooms to promote water conservation. These items included: shower timers, rain gauges, leak detection tablets, magnets, and educational handouts. DWC’s full rain barrel display and dual flush toilet display were both present.

WCAPP Four Programs:
Water pledge – A commitment by residents to implement specific water conservation efforts.
Toilet leak detection and repair kits – support the identification and repair of toilet leaks.
Rain gauge and landscape watering – Explanation and promotion of appropriate and efficient landscape irrigation practices.
Rain barrel programs – Demonstration projects to promote the purchase, proper installation and efficient use of rain barrels for rainwater harvesting.

Terry McGhee discussing the history of DWC.
Jenessa Rodriguez presenting the four programs of WCAPP.

DWC's life size rain barrel and dual flush toilet displays.
Terry explaining the different types of DWC pipes.

Terry describing how the cisterns collect water.