



## DuPage Water Commission Hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Water Issues Seminar

Date: November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

On Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, DuPage Water Commission's 3rd Annual Water Issues Seminar took place at Bobak's Signature Events and Conference Center. Around 130 Mayors, Managers, operators, and water conservation advocates attended.

Terry McGhee, Manager of Water Operations, provided an update on the Water Conservation and Protection Program (WCAPP). He spoke about how the program was developed, who helped develop it, as well as the events that WCAPP members attended. He also told the Mayors and Managers to look for information coming across their desks about pledging to preserve every drop by fixing leaks, performing preventative maintenance on their water mains to prevent leaks, and collecting resident pledges as well as other ways to conserve water.

Dave Dempsey, author of *Great Lakes for Sale: From Whitecaps to Bottlecaps* and *On the Brink: The Great Lakes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, was the guest speaker. Mr. Dempsey spoke about how States are trying to prevent taking water from the Great Lakes by passing laws/ordinances. He also talked about the differences between Michigan and Illinois as far as the Great Lakes and diverting water from the Great Lakes.

A question was asked of Mr. Dempsey as to how DuPage County compares with the rest of the Midwestern states as far as water conservation. He replied that many states are trying to stop the diversion of water more than trying to conserve it. This is a great indication that DWC is on its way to being a regional leader in water conservation.

Below are some photos of the breakfast.



*Chairman Rathje of the DuPage Water Commission Board introducing Terry McGhee*



*Terry McGhee presenting the WCAPP update.*



*Author Dave Dempsey*



*Dave Dempsey answering questions*



*Dave Dempey and General Manager Robert Martin answering questions*





*DWC's Rain Barrel and Dual Flush toilet displays*