DuPage Teachers Attend a Water Journey Presentation and Tour at DuPage Water Commission

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Today School & Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education (SCARCE) arranged for 30 DuPage teachers to attend a water journey 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. He also discussed the Commission’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.

Water Conservation Coordinator Jenessa Rodriguez presented the four programs from the Water Conservation and Protection Program (WCAPP) to the teachers, which included: Water Pledge, Residential Leak Detection and Repair, Rain Gauge and Landscape Watering, and Rain Barrel Usage. Operations Supervisor Mike Weed gave a tour of the DuPage Pumping Station so the teachers could get a better understanding 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: water bottles, shower timers, rain gauges, leak detection tablets, and educational handouts.

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 Lake Michigan to DWC Water Journey
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Mike Weed showing DWC’s SCADA system in the control room

Weed explaining the different types of pipe DWC utilizes in the field
The teachers viewing DWC’s large pumps

Weed showing the teachers the LEED certified generator building