Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and Garden Club Members Attend a Presentation and Tour at DuPage Water Commission

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On May 7, 2019, SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) arranged for approximately 30 Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and Elmhurst Garden Club members to attend a presentation and tour of the DuPage Water Commission (DWC) pumping station.

Manager of Operations Terry McGhee presented the members with a background on how the Commission came into existence as well as how the Commission delivers water to customers. He also discussed the Commission’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building.

To wrap up the presentation, he discussed the four programs from the Water Conservation and Protection Program (WCAPP) and described what items they would be taking home with them to help conserve water. These items included: shower timers, rain gauges, leak detection tablets, educational handouts, and water bottles.

A tour of the DuPage Pumping Station and LEED building also took place.

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 how the Commission came into existence
Members viewing the large cisterns that collect water that runs off the green roof of the LEED building.

McGhee describing the different types of pipes the Commission uses in the pipeline system.