



DuPage Water Commission Attends Seventh Annual DuPage Environmental Summit

Date: January 8th, 2010

On Thursday, January 7th, 2010, DuPage Water Commission Water Preservation Group Members Jenessa Nesbitt and Terry McGhee were in attendance for the Seventh Annual DuPage Environmental Summit as an exhibitor. The topic for this year's summit was Preserving Open Space and Green Infrastructure in the Built Environment. Other exhibitors included many DuPage County Departments, 'green' engineers, park districts, as well as rain harvesting companies. Around 250 officials, planners, park professionals, and outdoor enthusiasts were in attendance.

DWC's rain barrel and dual flush toilet were both present. Around 50 informational pamphlets about toilet leaks, lawncare, indoor/outdoor water use, and a water quiz were handed out. About 80 5-minute shower timers, 60 rain gauges, and 50 toilet leak detection tablets were given out.

The event raffled off a rain barrel, Whole Foods gift basket, a wildlife print, and a book about green infrastructure. There was also information gathered regarding attendees' carbon footprint. Some of the information that was gathered was if attendees carpooled, brought their own mugs/cups for beverages, drove a hybrid, as well as the number of miles away their trip was to get to the Summit.

The Summit's next year's topic will be Water Conservation.