



DuPage Water Commission Receives Recognition for Conservation Efforts

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This past week, [The Conservation Foundation](#) acknowledged the DuPage Water Commission's conservation accomplishments by presenting the Conservation@Work plaque to the Commission.

During construction of their Silver U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Generator Building, the Commission decided to improve their water conservation efforts.

These efforts included: adding two 7,500 gallon water-storage cisterns to catch rainwater; a bioswale that naturally filters storm water and reduces runoff; a detention pond that provides a settling area for removal of suspended solids; converting six acres of non-native landscaping to prairie grass; adding a 6,786 square foot green roof made of succulent plants designed to retain and filter water prior to release into the cisterns; and various native plantings that reduce 50% of water used for landscaping.

The Commission has reduced their storm water runoff rate by 32%.

Click [here](#) for the Conservation@Work brochure. To learn more about the program click [here](#).