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**DEKALB CEO ELLIS AND COMMISSIONER GANNON
TO HOST GREEN COMMISSION SYMPOSIUM
“WINNING THE WATER WAR”**

Citizens will learn how to go green one drop at a time

DECATUR – Following the recent launch of DeKalb’s Green Commission, CEO Burrell Ellis and Commissioner Kathie Gannon will host a series of workshops focused on creating a sustainable DeKalb County. **“Winning the Water War”** is the first in a series of workshops where attendees will learn the basics of rainwater harvesting, water smart landscaping, septic tank maintenance, water conservation and eco-transition. Participants can also visit vendor exhibits and win door prizes. Exhibitors include DeKalb County Watershed Management, Eco-Transitions, Conservation Mart, Keep DeKalb Beautiful, and Water for Life, Inc. The workshop will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and is free and open to the community.

In addition to the community event, an encore presentation will be held for DeKalb County employees during a Brown Bag Lunch scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Both events will be held in the Manual Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive in Decatur.

“If we can get every citizen in the county to adopt one green practice, we can make a great impact on improving our community. DeKalb County government is leading by example by offering everyone opportunities to learn how to go green,” said CEO Ellis.

“DeKalb County residents stepped up during the drought by cutting their water consumption. The continuing legal battles and recent ruling against Atlanta’s (including DeKalb) use of Lake Lanier for drinking water put water conservation back on top of the list of things we can do to help. While the federal and state legislatures and governors continue to wrangle with difficult compromises, everyone can do something, no matter how small – we can all make a difference,” Commissioner Gannon said.

In May, CEO Ellis and Commissioner Gannon launched the Green Commission, a 20-member committee working to develop sustainable county practices and policies. The commission is also instrumental to the county’s efforts to earn the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Green Community designation.

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