



## Private Property Protections for Residential Groundwater Wells

Thanks to the lobbying efforts of **GAGwP** during the 2023 legislative session, SB 121 was passed and signed into law by Governor Kemp effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. This bill made great strides to strengthen the protections for installing groundwater wells.

What the law means for you:

- It applies to Code Section 36-60-17.1 relating to localities (cities and counties) prohibited from requiring connection with or use of water supplied by a public water system....
- Nothing in subsection (a) of this Code section shall preclude or authorize the denial of the installation of a well serving a single-family residence situated on a parcel of one acre or more so as to meet the requirements for allowing use of the same by a single-family residential property owner....
- In short, a city or county can NOT deny the installation of a well IF
  - 1) It is for a single-family residential property.

- 2) The property is at least one acre of land.
- 3) The property meets all minimum setbacks in state law.