

A Water Win and the Work Ahead

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Florida v. Georgia No. 142 Original

US Supreme Court

- Equitable Apportionment
- Full Court Heard Case Feb 22, 2021
- Ruled April 1, 2021
- More background
 - Atlanta Regional Commission Supreme Court





Photo Source: Garden and Gun
June/July 2017



Unanimous!

- Florida has **not proved**:
 - the collapse of its oyster fisheries was caused by Georgia's overconsumption
 - Georgia's overconsumption has harmed river wildlife and plant life
- “**We must** overrule Florida's exceptions to the Special Master's Report and **dismiss the case.**”

Source: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/220142_m648.pdf



So, What's Next?



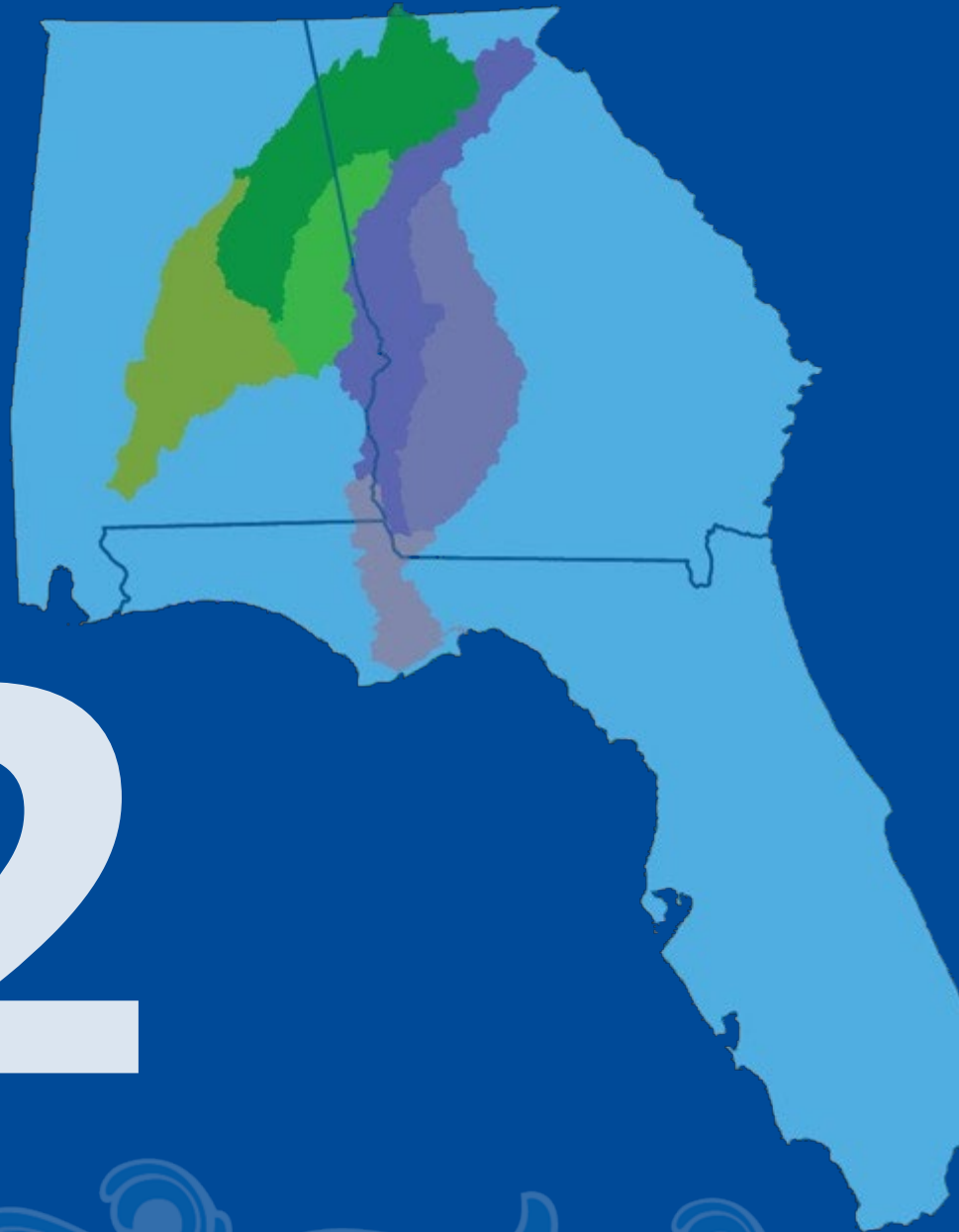
Supreme Court

“Georgia has an obligation to make reasonable use of Basin waters in order to help conserve that increasingly scarce resource.”

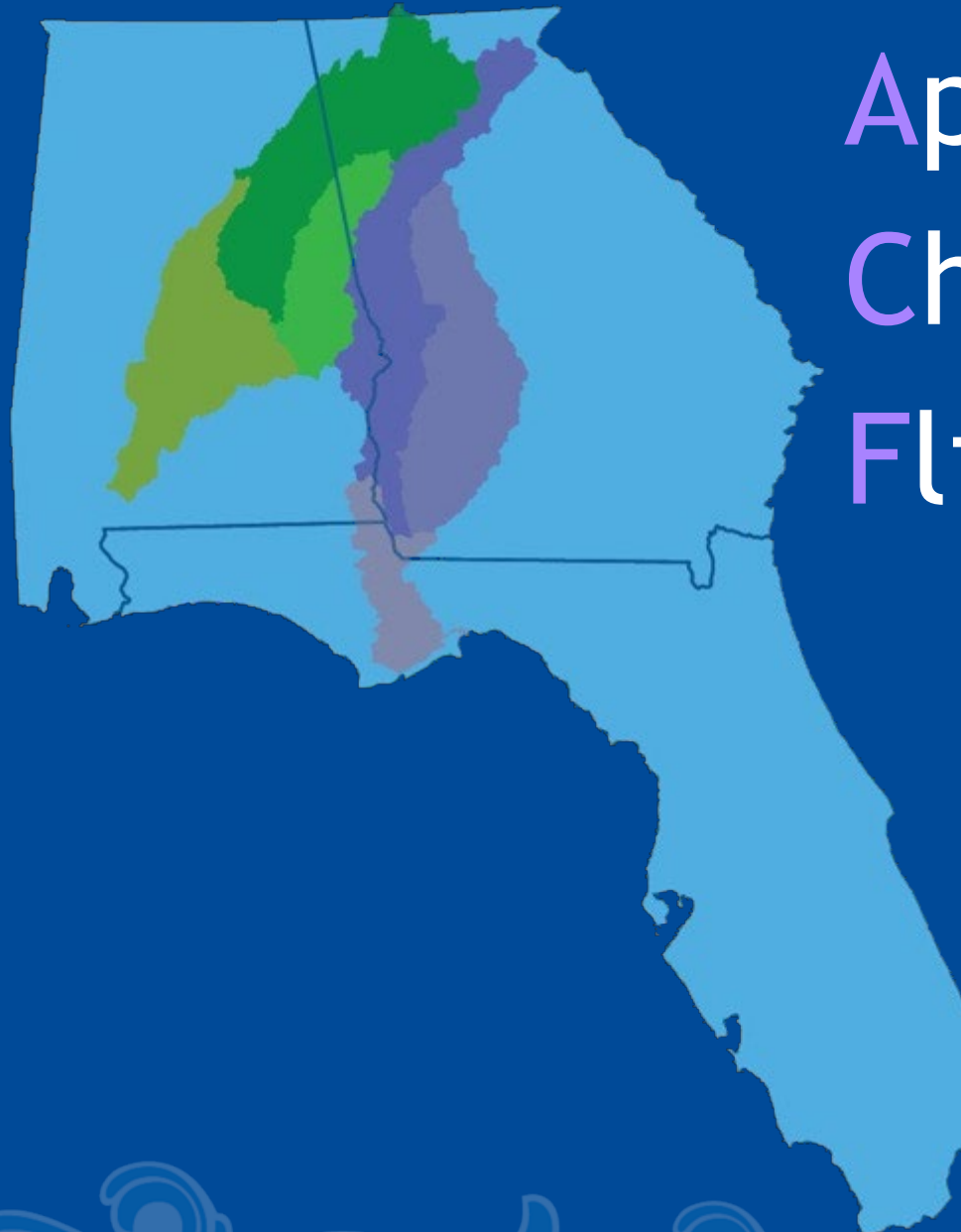
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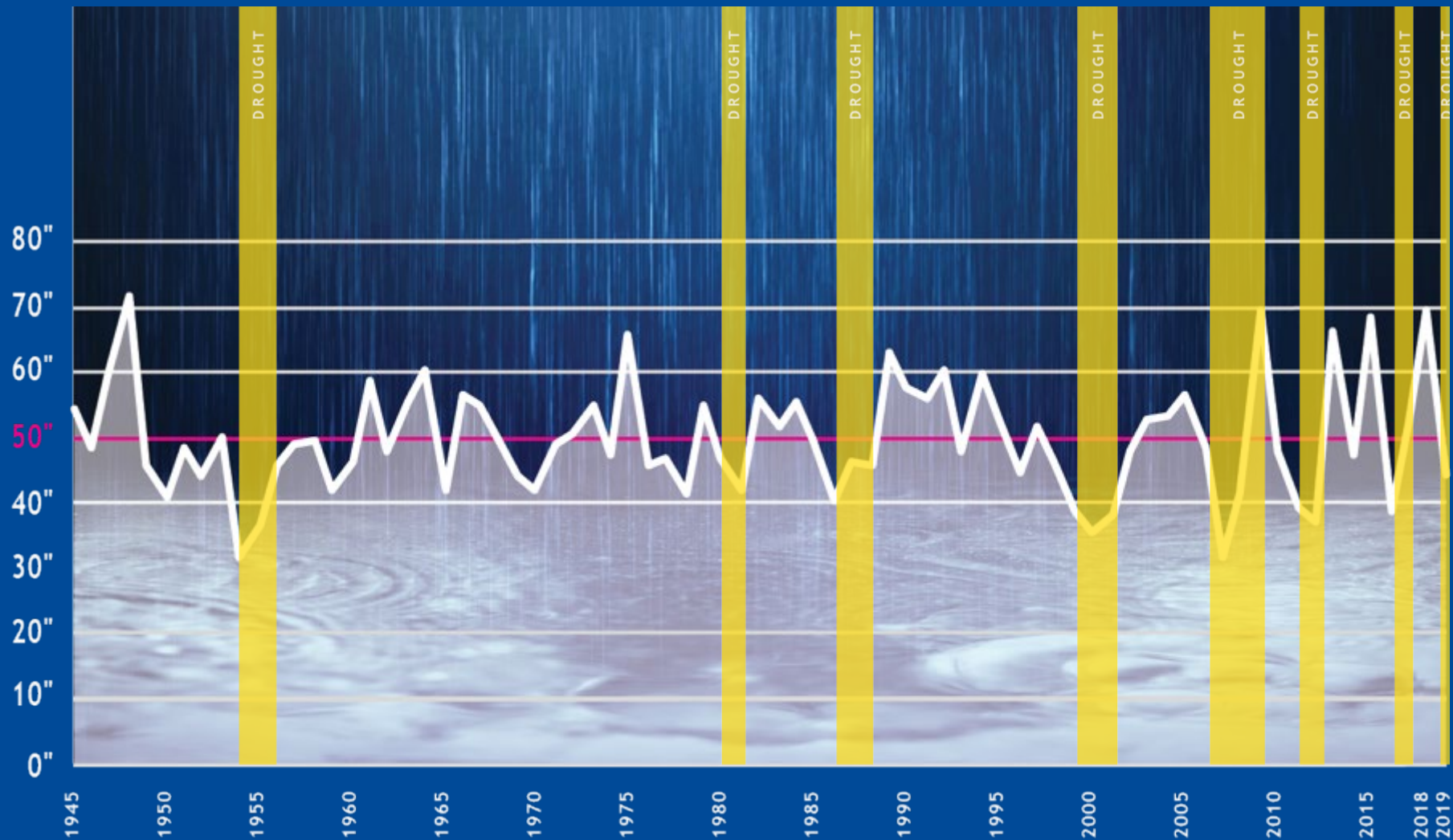


Infrastructure Challenges



Source: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/water-workforce/>
<https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/news/water-main-break-closes-beech-drive>

Average Annual Rainfall = 50 inches



While we receive abundant rain most years, multi-year droughts stress our water supply and have become more frequent.





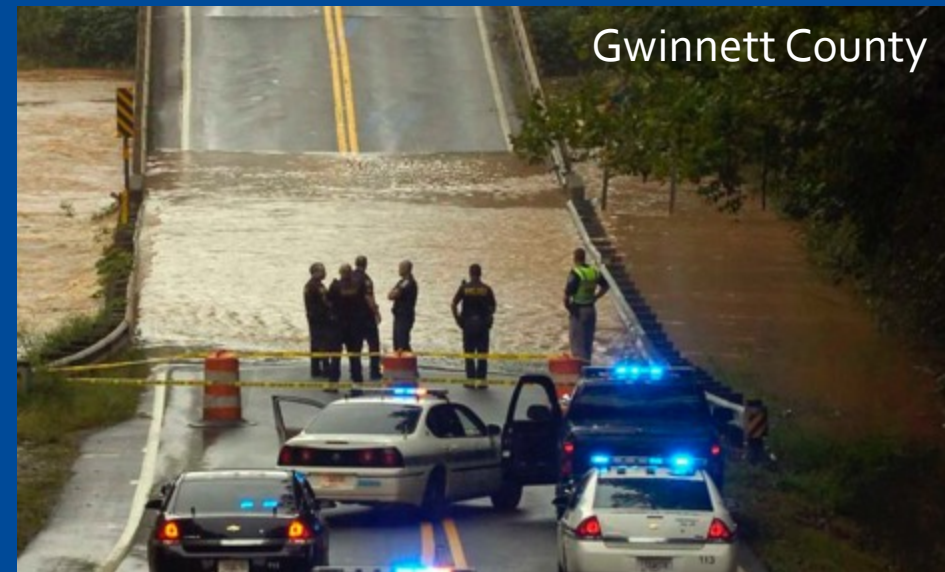
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Clayton County

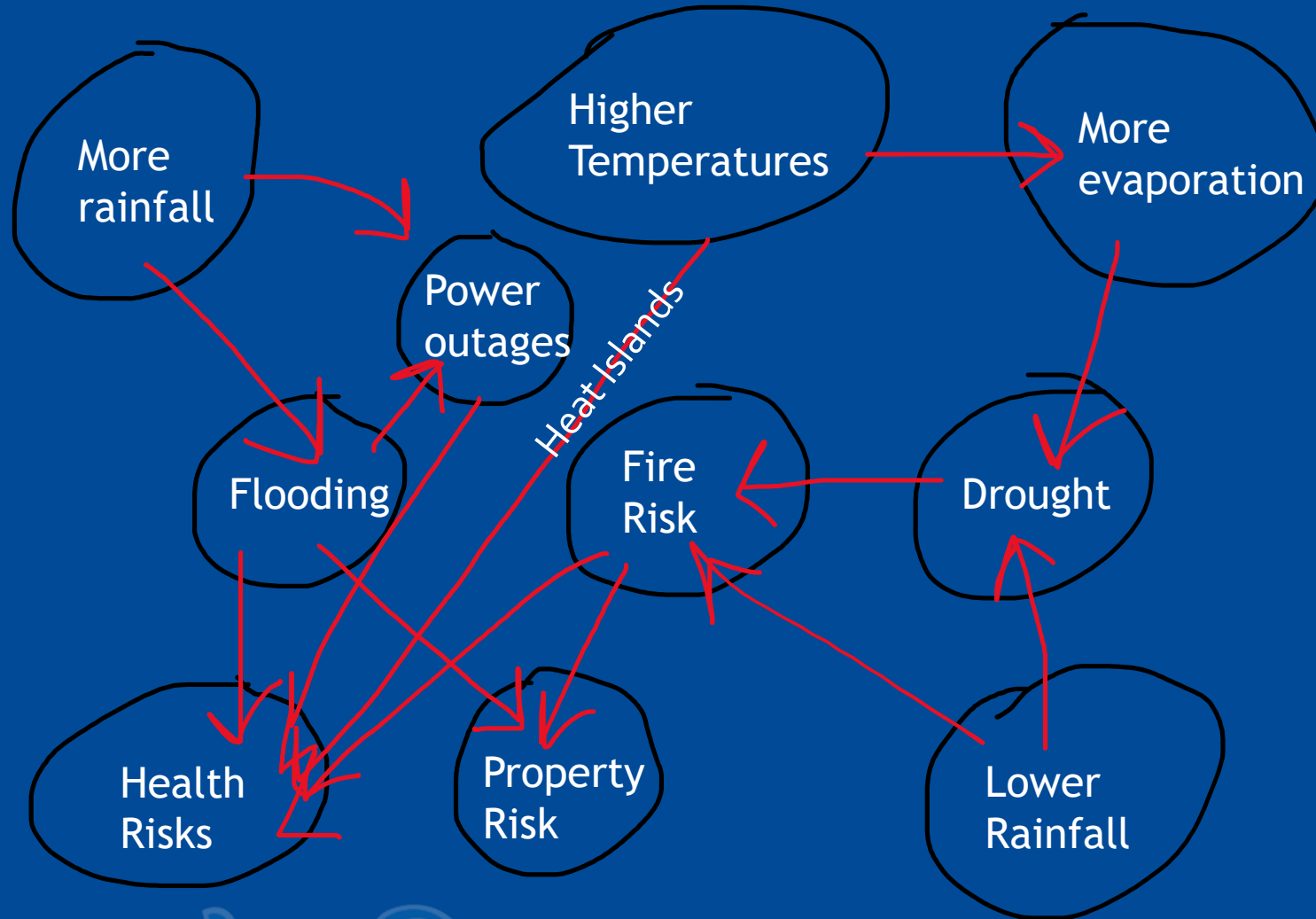


Gwinnett County

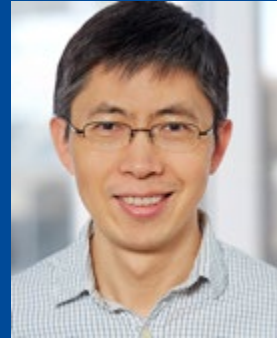
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It's All Interrelated



So, beyond the great news of April 1



There is more work ahead of us





Allatoona at Sunset

Courtesy: Audrey Andersen

