

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

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- 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





Pat Stevens



Rick Brownlow



A portrait of Mike Alexander, a bald man with a goatee and blue eyes, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue striped shirt, and an orange tie. The background is a light blue gradient.

Mike Alexander



A portrait of Neela Ram, a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark-colored top. The background of the portrait is blurred, showing some light-colored shapes.

Neela Ram



Abby Owens



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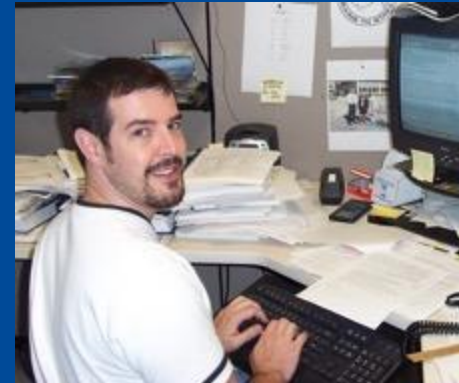


Center for Strategic Relations Staff





District Staff



So, What's Next?



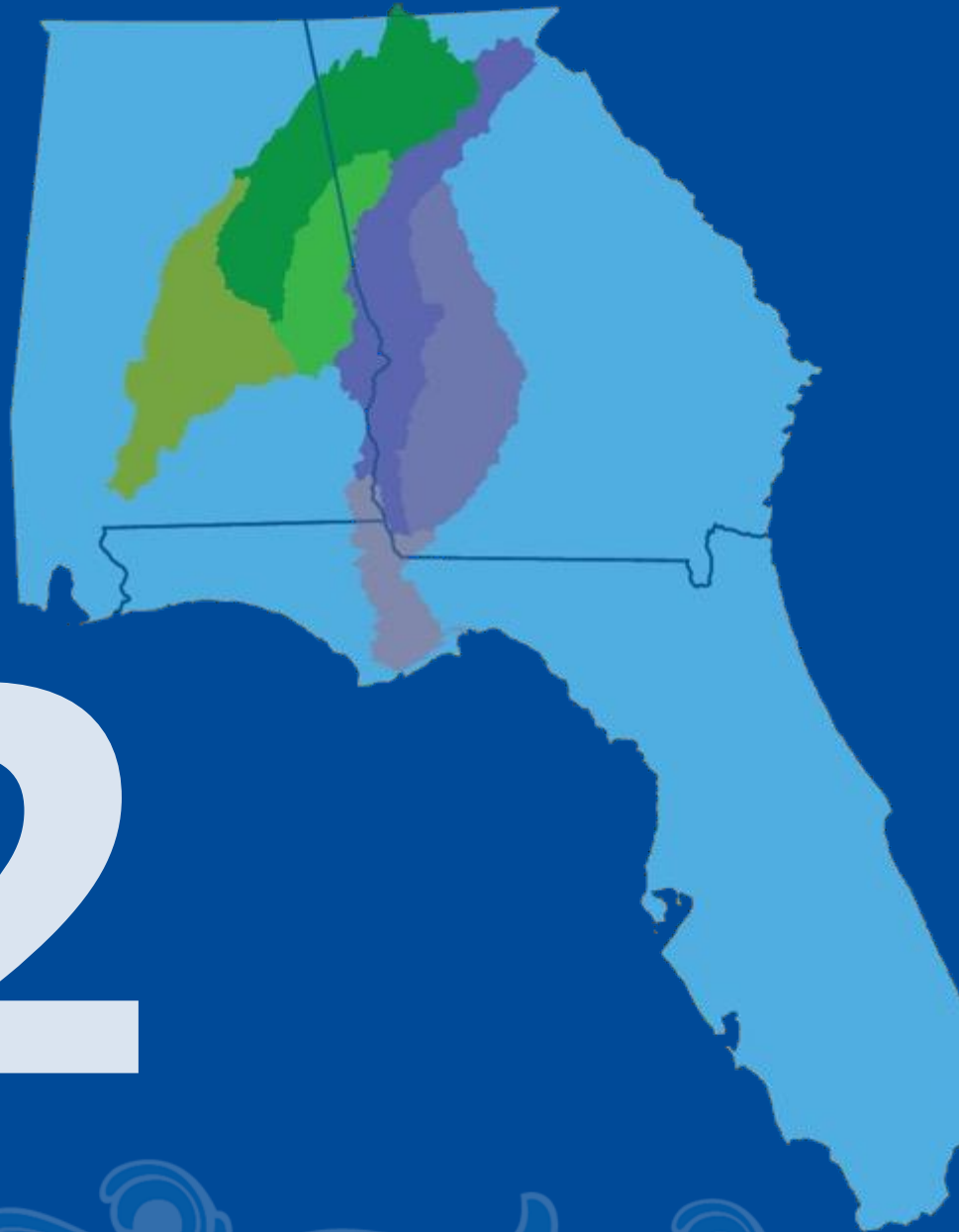
Supreme Court

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

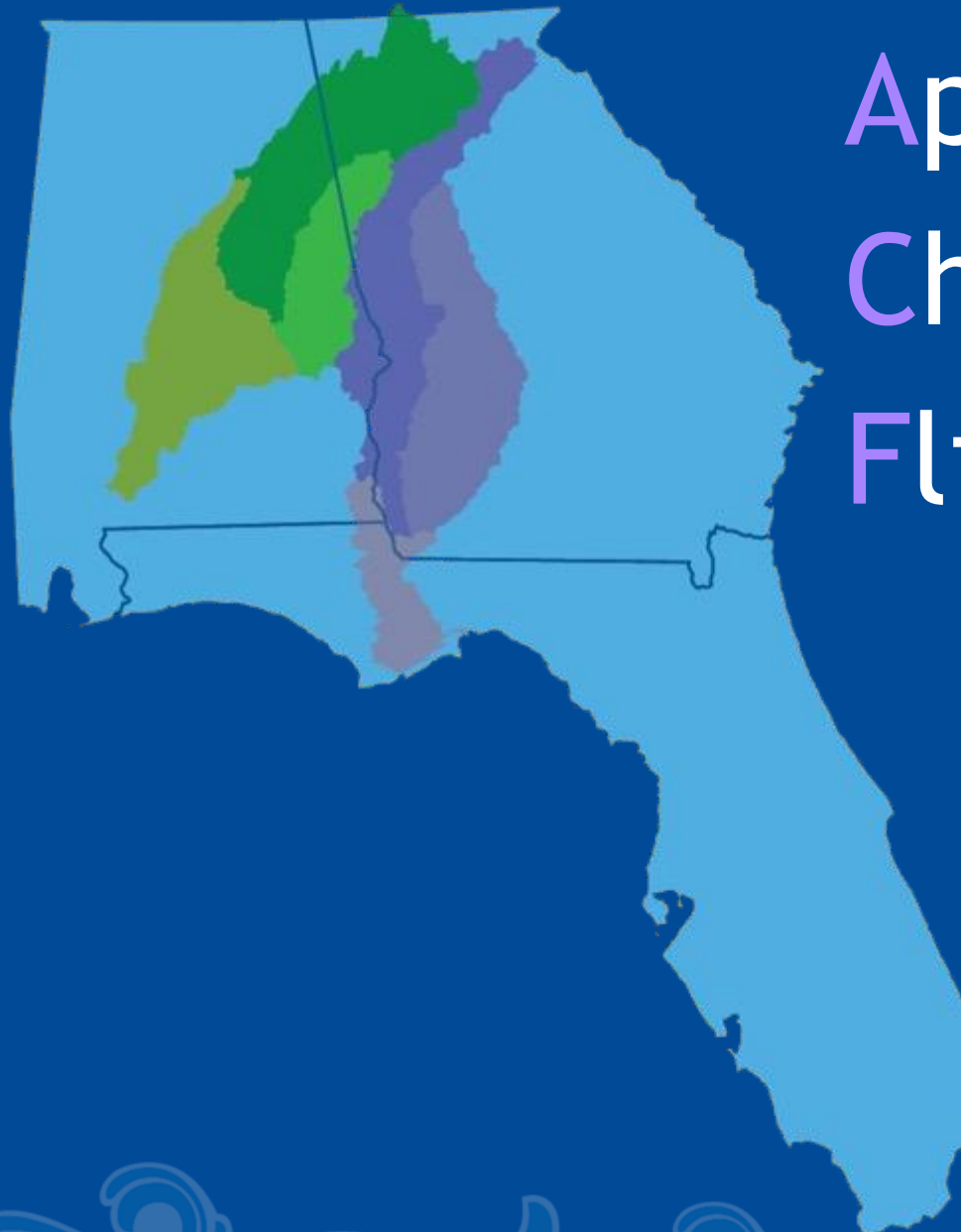
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Alabama
Coosa
Tallapoosa



Apalachicola
Chattahoochee
Flint

ACT

ACF



Infrastructure Challenges

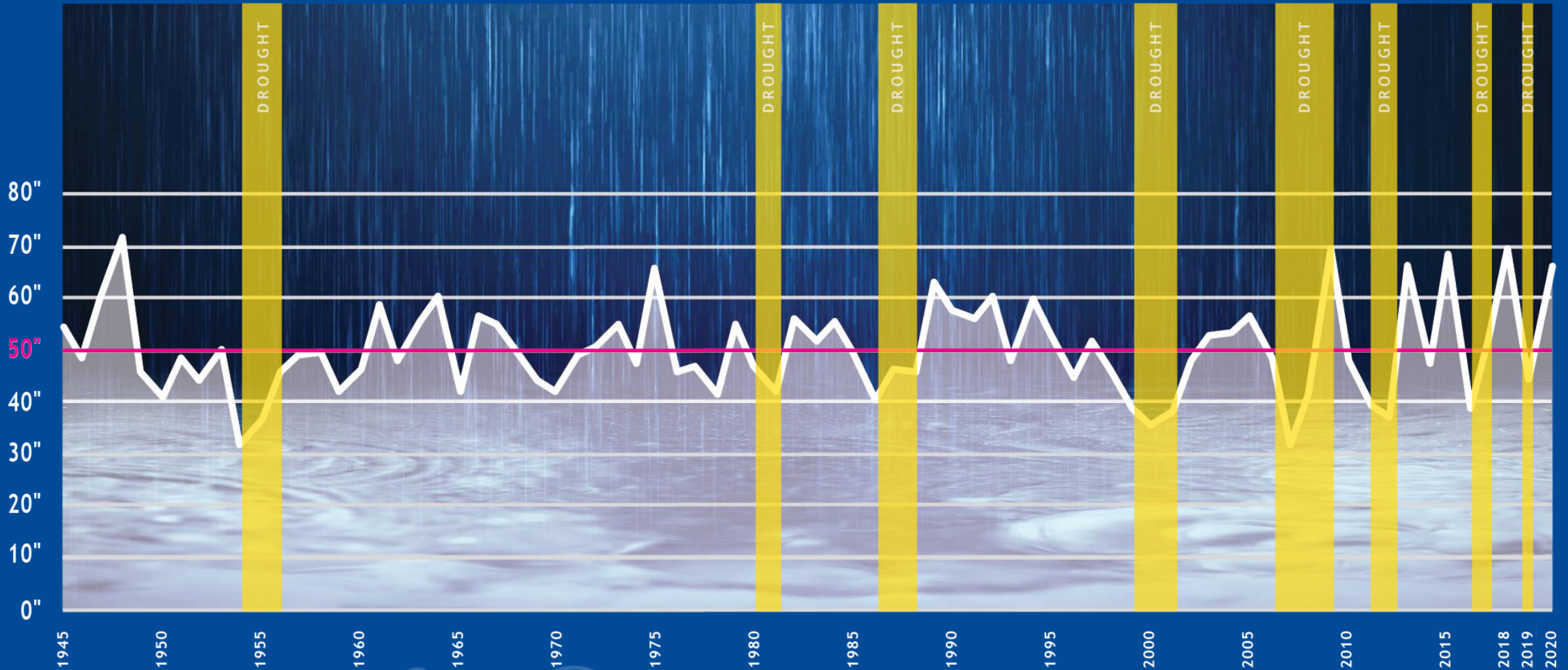


Source: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/water-workforce/>
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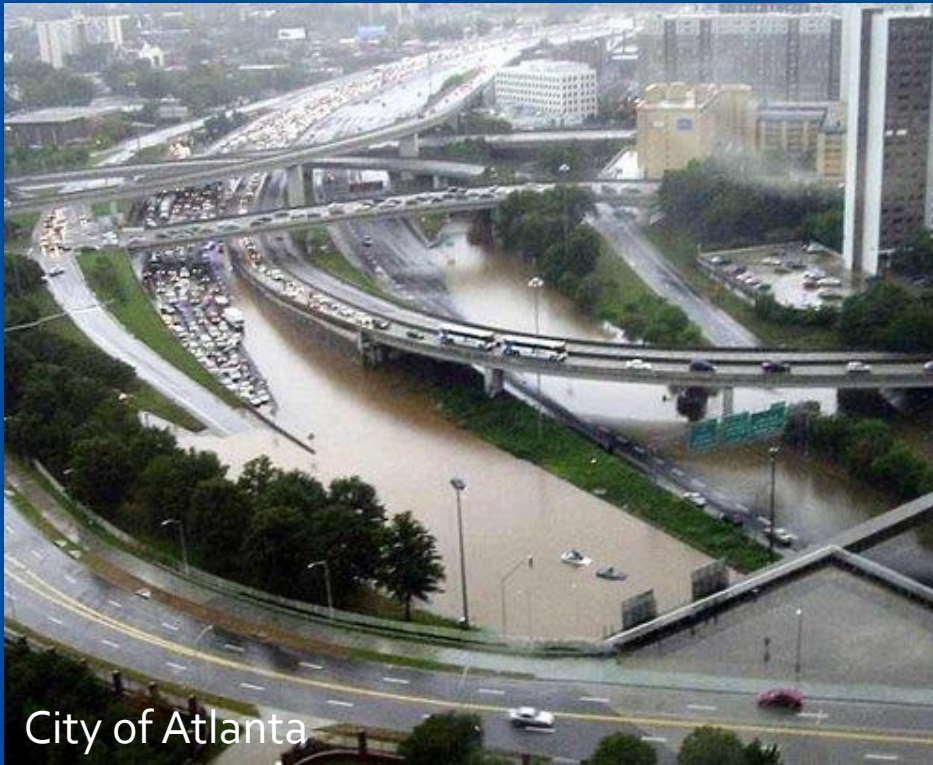
Averages can be Misleading

Annual Rainfall

Average Annual Rainfall = 50 inches



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



City of Atlanta



Austell



Gwinnett County



Clayton County

Source for all photos: AJC.com



It's All Interrelated

There is more work ahead of us



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