**The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural and Tribal Water and Wastewater Systems**

### GEORGIA

**FINANCIAL VIABILITY**

Has the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted your system's financial position, or do you anticipate negative impacts?

- 33.3% : Yes
- 33.3% : No
- 33.3% : Not sure

**Average system size of respondent**

≈ 758 residents

**Facilities Type:**

- 67% water
- 33% both
- 0% wastewater

**1-2: Average full-time staff size**

Many supplement with part-time, contract or volunteer staff

**3 respondents**

100% of respondents were small systems

**1 small system respondent**

Provided detailed financial info and indicated their revenue decreased when comparing April 2019 to April 2020. (n = 1)

- Paying for staff and supplies
- Paying bills
- Delays/limitations to capital improvement

**$6,500**

Small system respondent median monthly revenue decrease (n = 1)

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**About the survey:** In early May, the RCAP Network surveyed communities to understand the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on rural and tribal water and wastewater systems. Results are from systems the RCAP Network serves and are not representative of all small systems. These results, however, provide an important snapshot of rural and tribal experiences so policymakers can make informed decisions on how to address these issues during COVID-19 recovery.

The Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SERCAP), the Southeast RCAP, provides accessible and affordable water and wastewater facilities, promotes community development, and helps residents become fully self-sufficient. SERCAP’s staff administer long-term technical assistance to Water/Wastewater Utilities, Rural Communities, Public Service Authorities, and Planning District Commissions in order to improve compliance, efficiency, capacity, and long-term sustainability. Visit sercap.org for more info.