



THE WATER SYSTEMS COUNCIL



The Water Systems Council (WSC) is the only national nonprofit organization with programs solely focused on protecting and improving the private water wells and small, shared wells serving more than 43 million Americans nationwide.

ADVOCACY

WSC has been a leading advocate for increased federal investment in rural water infrastructure and greater utilization of wells and well systems to meet the \$64B shortfall in funding for small drinking water systems.

WSC led a successful campaign for the enactment into law of the Water Supply Cost Savings Act, legislation requiring for the first time that small communities consider wells and well systems as a cost effective solution for their drinking water challenges when utilizing EPA and USDA funding.

WSC witness and Water Well Trust recipient testified in July 2017 before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on the need for greater federal investment in wells and well systems as a solution to rural drinking water challenges. This testimony contributed to the introduction of the SRF WIN Act, providing over \$60B for water infrastructure funding over the next 5 years.

RESEARCH

WSC provides industry leaders and regulators with domestic water well data and other important research on regulatory matters impacting water wells, and maintains a searchable online database of state well codes pertaining to well construction and permitting. WSC also provides the CDC with data from its wellcare® Hotline on consumer water well issues.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

WSC's wellcare® program provides well owners with free information on well maintenance, well water treatment and testing, potential groundwater contaminants, drought issues and more.

The wellcare® Hotline has answered 75,000+ calls from U.S. well owners and provides more than 100 information sheets on its website to help Americans maintain their wells. Callers to the EPA's Safe Drinking Water hotline are referred to WSC's wellcare® Hotline.

TRAINING

WSC provides training workshops in communities (100+ in 34 states) on issues related to wells and groundwater, as well as technical training for well contractors and suppliers.

WSC conducts Water Law Conferences for attorneys, academics, state and local elected officials, regulators, environmentalists, and others responsible for water resource planning.