



# Save Our Groundwater Membership Application

Save Our Groundwater (SOG) is a grassroots, nonprofit citizens' action group dedicated to advocating that water is a natural resource to be held in the public trust and to be protected now and for the future.

We formed in August 2001 in response to a large groundwater withdrawal permit application by USA Springs, Inc. The company proposes to build a water bottling plant on a 98-acre parcel of land located in Nottingham and Barrington, NH and pump approximately 310,000 gallons of water per day from the fractured bedrock aquifer to bottle and sell through domestic and international markets. The proposed site is located near two prime wetland ecosystems as well as four spring-fed lakes.

Concerns exist regarding adverse effects for these areas as well as watershed areas for the Lamprey, Bellamy and Oyster Rivers, which supply drinking water to ten communities: Northwood, Strafford, Nottingham, Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Dover and Portsmouth. Many of the area's residents and businesses in these communities do not have public water supplies and depend on wells. Concerns regarding water quality impact, contamination of the aquifer as well as water depletion have been raised and documented.

SOG's goal is to safeguard the health and environmental integrity of our communities by actively involving our citizens to take appropriate action to defeat this proposed water-bottling plant and to protect our groundwater. In NH, water is a *public* resource and SOG's members work to keep it that way.

SOG keeps the local community involved by hosting informational meetings; maintaining an educational website and email listserve; providing postcard and phone call updates; sponsoring rallies; and writing letters to the editor. We work together with state and local governmental officials to address the issues related to protecting and conserving groundwater as a public trust.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (your signature) agree with the mission, vision and goals of Save Our Groundwater and apply to be a member.

Please check your membership category and include your annual dues with this completed form. You may mail it to SOG's address below or bring it to a meeting.

- \$12 Individual Member
- \$25-\$49 Supporting Member
- \$100 + Sponsoring Member
- \$24 Family Member
- \$50-\$99 Sustaining Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Yes, YOU can do something important to help Save Our Groundwater!

<input type="checkbox"/> Hand out/collect petitions	<input type="checkbox"/> Make phone calls
<input type="checkbox"/> Work at a SOG table at community events	<input type="checkbox"/> Make photocopies (will reimburse)
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact elected officials and candidates	<input type="checkbox"/> Run errands
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend legislative hearings/sessions	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Write letters to legislators, newspapers, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fold and stamp newsletters, flyers, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Track the status of water legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> Design/create postcards
<input type="checkbox"/> Help to organize events/rallies	<input type="checkbox"/> Make signs and posters
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in rallies	<input type="checkbox"/> Work on SOG newsletter (write, edit, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a SOG committee <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation <input type="checkbox"/> Communications and Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Other area(s) of interest:

Please return to: Save Our Groundwater, P.O. Box 182, Barrington, NH 03825