## Hicks Residence Drainage PZ 20—021

To: City of Powder Springs

From: Lauren Leyrer

Date: July 20, 2020

Re: PZ 20—021 Driveway Variance, Hicks Residence

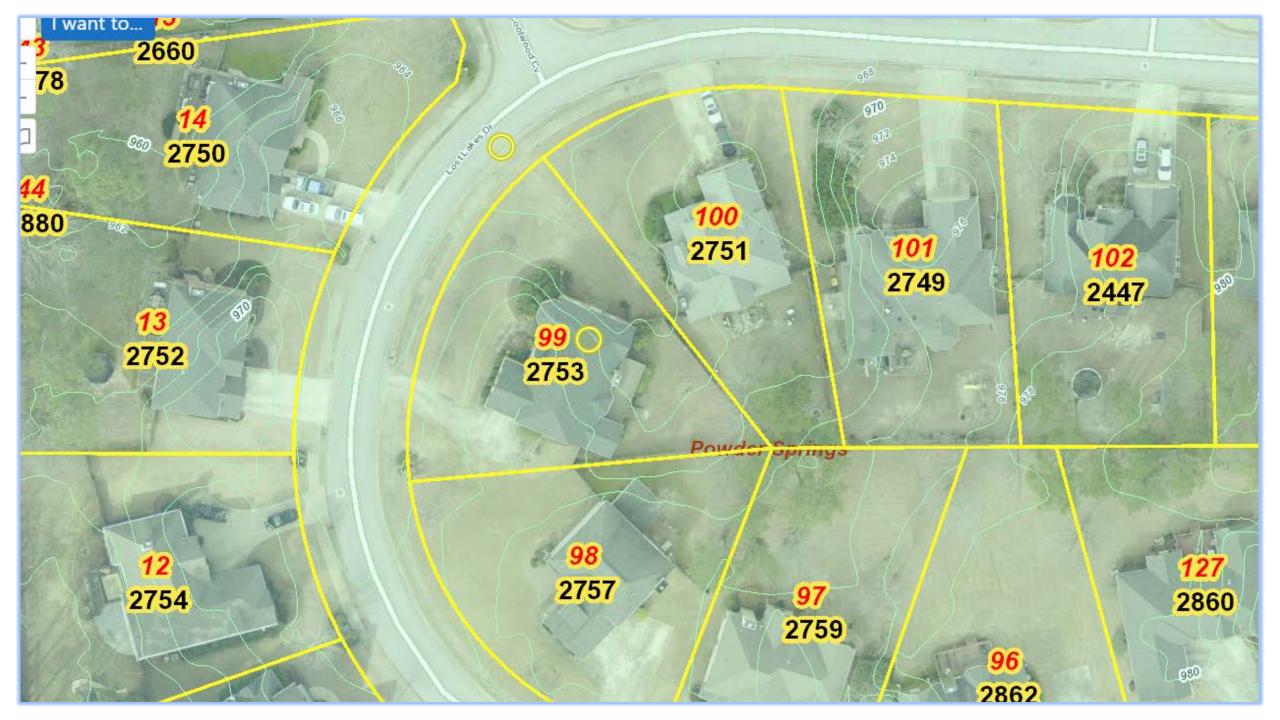
Comments: Ms. Hicks has asked me to look into her drainage issues in relation to her and her neighbor's properties. Using Cobb County GIS, it appears that approximately 0.75 acres of water drains between her house and the neighboring property. This water comes from approximately 7 other houses in the subdivision. When it enters Ms. Hicks property, there is a flat area between her and her neighbors house that drains slowly and will leave the area wet for longer than the remaining portions of the yards. A concrete driveway would help alleviate this drainage issue by allowing the water to escape the property at a faster rate. The ideal slope of grass for drainage at least 2%. Concrete can be poured at 1% and drain well. French drains and roof leaders can be aimed to flow down the concrete driveway as well.

The addition of a second concrete driveway will allow Ms. Hicks to help improve surrounding drainage issues that may exist.

Thank you,

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## **NOTES / DISCUSSION POINTS**

Cities and counties don't usually allow/permit drainage to span more than 2 lots.

0.75 acres worth of drainage from 7 lots behind yours exit through your side yard, the low point between you and your neighbor's lot.

Fencing can impede drainage; all of the neighboring properties have backyard fencing.

Your side yard is graded slightly too flat for grass; concrete would allow for improved drainage for both you and your neighbor, especially if gutter downspouts and French drains are routed onto it.

Your lot has approximately a 2.5% slope, sufficient for water to flow over concrete. Absolute minimum slope for grass to drain is 2% while concrete is 1%; concrete drains better.



