

Property of
Joe (Eldon) and Marion Allison
9 Hillside Road.

The excessive water pooling on the property of the Allison's is long withstanding. This began with the backfill for the houses on Riverview Road that runs adjacent to the back yard of 9 Hillside years ago. Presently this home has 2 sump pumps that run 24 hours a day for 3-4 days following a significant downpour or steady rain. The other scenario is, it pumps approximately twice daily in dry conditions.

Mr. Allison began to approach a former employee, Mr. Eric Booth, about the run off from this above-mentioned land. Mr. Allison indicated that he approached Mr. Booth at least a dozen times. Mr. Booth's response to the Allison's was once the sod is in place it will hold the water. As some of us know it took far too long to finish Woodhatch subdivision and the clay-laden soil left on these lots continued to cause the backyards on Hillside to flood. This is the opinion of Mr. & Mrs. Allison. All one has to do is dig 6 to 12 inches and you hit clay.

Looking through records the Allison's indicated that 13 years ago (1997) the town installed a drainage tile that went through the boulevards of 5, 7 and 9 Hillside. This was to help all three homes, which in varying degrees had excessive water collecting on their property.

Each homeowner was responsible for tiling their own property to meet the towns tiling for hook up. The cost and manpower for Mr. Allison in 1997 was two people / two days work plus \$700 for materials.

This made minimal improvement.

When the grassy covered soil at 1 Riverview was disturbed for building the water and mud flooded yard of 9 Hillside & the yard and basement at 7 Hillside. The water was about 6 inches deep. Mr. Allison approached the town and the building inspector was around to inspect, including the residence of 3 Riverview about water run off. Mr. Allison was told at the time of this build, the drain spouts for 1 Riverview would be sent to the east side of that home, by Hillside. This did not happen.

The inspector looked at 3 Riverview, my home. He found the sump pump hose runs to the front yard. The 3 downspouts at the back area have big O and they run into our flowerbeds around the house. In the summer of 2009 after, the Allison's, had large amounts of water sitting on their patios and yard. Albeit, we had a very wet summer the water amount of frustrating. I installed a big O in the swale across the back of my yard. The excess water we had comes directly from #5 downspout, to the swale. This has helped to carry the water east but it still ends up running over Allison's side garden and driveway.

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Three other residence of Riverview with several downspouts, a sump pumps hoses all directed to the rear and therefore, affect the side property of 9 Hillside. The Allison's feel the homeowners have little recourse to help correct the situation of water run off. The Town of Ingersoll approved this subdivision plan; and therefore, Mr. And Mrs. Allison feel the responsibility lies with them. There must be source for this collected water. The origin is not just the homes of adjacent properties. Small problems as explained are pocketed throughout the subdivision. Today we are concerned about the Allison's and the struggle they continue to have.

The objective of this presentation is to have the town take action and put forth a serious and positive effort to help this household.

Thank you, on behalf of Joe and Marion Allison.