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RE: SCDOT Concern - Senator Lee Bright Constituent.eml
Peggy Brannon Attachment (2).pdf

Good Afternoon Katherine,

Senator Bright has asked to have assistance with Ms. Brannon and her concern with SCDOT.

When Ms. Brannon contacted Senator Bright, her concern was then forwarded to the Spartanburg Delegation office where Carol Crowe contacted the local SCDOT office and requested assistance. Cleaning the ditch along the front of the property is what they have scheduled to help alleviate the overflow of water across her property. Her concern was then sent to Wendy Nicholas for her review and a request for assistance as Senator Bright wanted to be sure all possibilities had been reviewed. Below is the final reply received from Wendy. (Also included are attachments of correspondence and a map.)

As Senator Bright knows this is not the answer Ms. Brannon is wanting, especially after working with SCDOT for 10 year with this concern. He is requesting assistance from the Governor's office and is hopeful that a more mutual benefiting result will be found.

Thank you for your time and assistance with Ms. Brannon's concern.

Sincerely,

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Both local and HQ staff have looked into the drainage issues cited by Ms. Brannon and have visited her numerous times on site. You can see in Clem's response that the drainage design is following the natural drainage path and I have attached the topographical map of the area for better understanding. Engineering tells me that the ditch cleaning work referenced in the letter from Clem Watson (dated 9/5) has not been completed yet, but should be done by the end of next week. The ditch cleaning should help with the overflow caused by substantial rain.

Please let me know if you need anything further on this. Thanks!

From: Amy Wiesehahn [<mailto:AmyWiesehahn@scsenate.gov>]
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Good afternoon Wendy,

Last week a Ms. Peggy Brannon phoned Senator Bright and asked if he could help her with a concern she has with SCDOT. Since 2003 she and her sister have been working with SCDOT to try and remedy water flow that is running across their property and the damage it has caused.

I took her concern and forwarded it to Carol Crowe who is a Delegation Liaison for Senator Bright and handles a lot of the constituent concerns regarding SCDOT in the Spartanburg area. I then received the attached emails.

Following my review of the emails, I phoned Ms. Brannon to discuss what I received and told her that it was my understanding that the SCDOT was planning to come and clean the ditch in front of the property. She replied that it may help but it would not correct the problem. She said the problem is that SCDOT put pipes underground to drain the water from Reidsville Road. Consequently, due to the location of where the pipes let the water out, it rushes across her property. She stated the Tyger River is only 1 mile down the road and all this could have been avoided had they continued the pipe so the water let out at the site of the river. She also shared with me that there was background talk when they first started to investigate the water situation in 2003 about an Environmental DHEC verbal agreement made by James Webb with River Falls Plantation and that they would be sure that the water would not affect the property of that neighborhood/golf course; although not in writing that she knows.

She and her sister are the third generation to own this property and there was never any water issue with this property until SCDOT placed those pipes underground. However, SCDOT has told her that it's because the grade of the terrain and they cannot change the flow of the water. She said they did change the flow when they put the pipes underground but no one will listen to you nor let her know they understand. She said the way it is now, they cannot even plant a garden in the back area of their property because of this water situation. She is also fearing that the water flow and damage will threaten the foundation of the house. They've looked into selling the property but with the damage and the ongoing situation with SCDOT, they cannot.

If you would, please review this constituent's concern and see if there is anything that can be done. I thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

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