

## Application for Paved Driveway at 706 W. Liberty St, Ann Arbor MI, 48103

We would like to (1) convert our rock driveway and parking pad into a concrete (not asphalt) paved area and (2) extend the existing parking pad several feet on the east end. Attached with this application please find images showing (a) the existing driveway and parking pad, (b) the proposed driveway and parking pad and (c) a comparison of the two. These three states are shown both as drawn plans that include approximate dimensions and satellite images with highlighted areas. Some of the reasons we would like to make this change are:

- **Drainage Issues.** Water often pools on the driveway, and it remains muddy for long periods. Although we've added additional rocks in the past, this has not seemed to help either problem much.
- **Winter Dangers.** The driveway, and especially the parking pad (which must be traversed to get to our garage each morning), is difficult to clear of snow and ice. It cannot be plowed without substantial damage to the driveway (which we learned the hard way) and after shoveling, the layer of frozen rock remains hazardous. This is all exacerbated by the drainage issues, which cause large parts of the parking pad to become icy and slippery in the early and late winter when we have a lot of freezing and thawing. Members of the household have slipped while pregnant, while holding small children, while being small children, and in all other manner of sates.
- **Use of Space.** A muddy rock driveway cannot be used as much more than a driveway. We have three young children and live on a well-trafficked street, and it would be nice to have a safe space away from the road where they can practice riding bikes, draw with chalk, etc. Additionally, extending the driveway by a few feet on the east end will allow for (i) access to the garage side door, (ii) additional parking at an address where there is no street parking and neighborhood parking can be hard to find at times and (iii) create more space for the leisure activities described above.
- **Aesthetics.** The rocks and mud do not look good. Replacing them with concrete will look cleaner in all seasons, be easier to shovel, rake and clean and will stop our kids from throwing rocks all over our yard. Aligning the east side of the parking pad with the far edge of the green space and running a straight line between the driveway and the raised bed on the side of the house at the same elevation would, in our opinion, also look better.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any additional questions.

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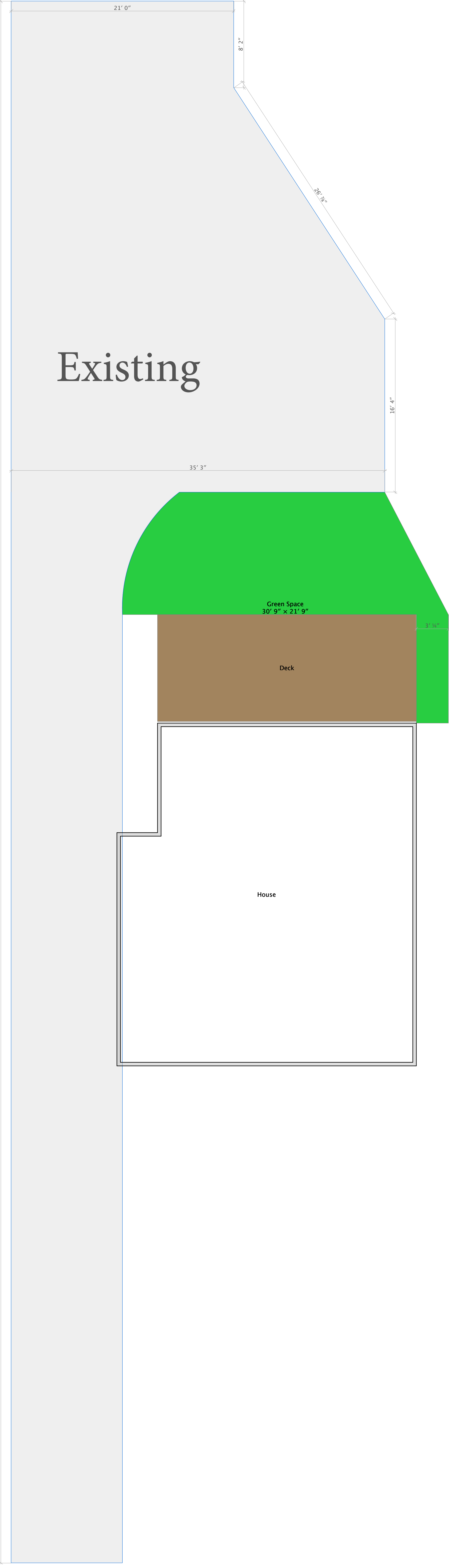
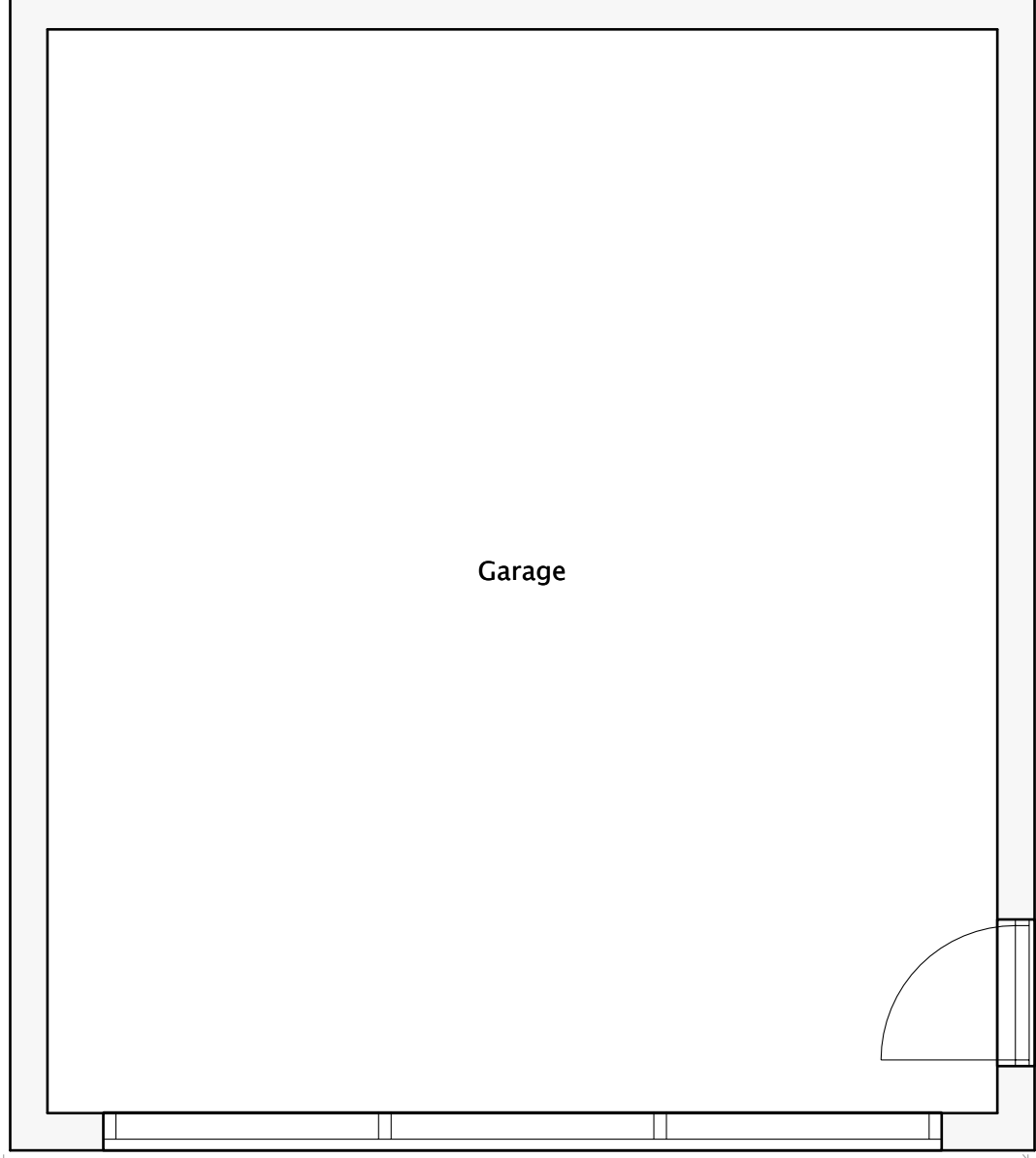


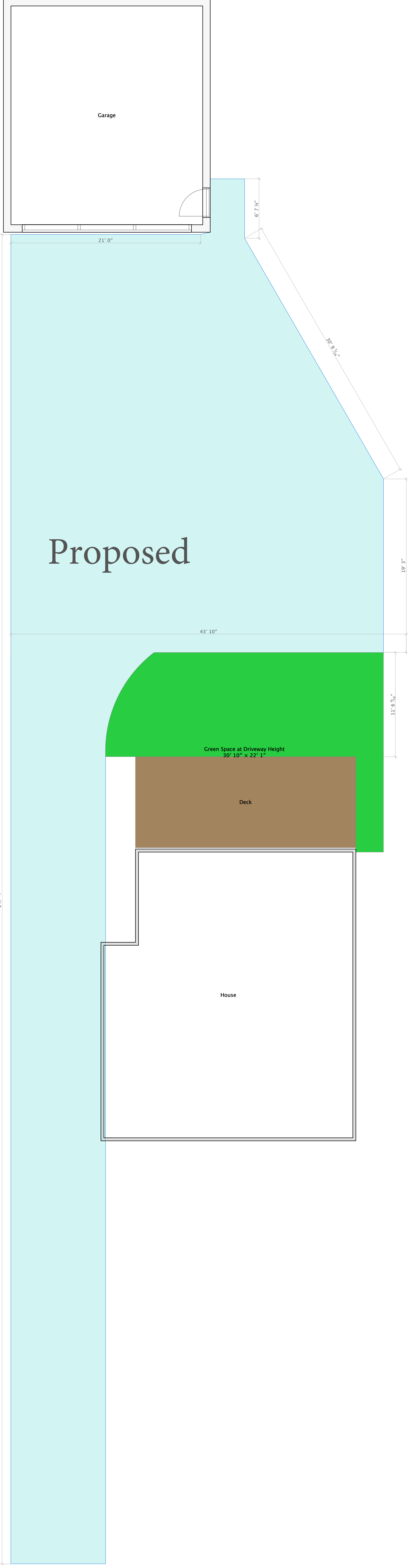












Proposed

Garage

21' 0"

6' 7/8"

30' 9 3/16"

19' 3"

43' 10"

11' 6 3/16"

Green Space at Driveway Height  
30' 10" x 22' 1"

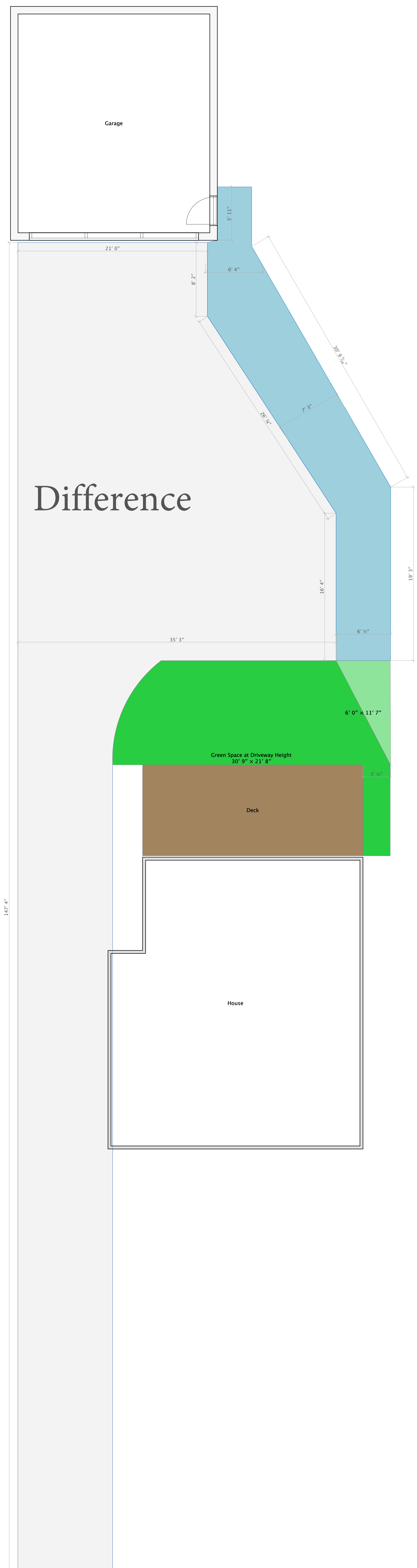
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House

147' 4"







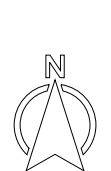
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Green Space at Driveway Height  
30' 9" x 21' 8"

Deck

House

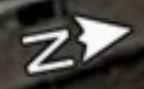
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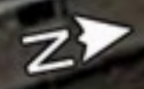


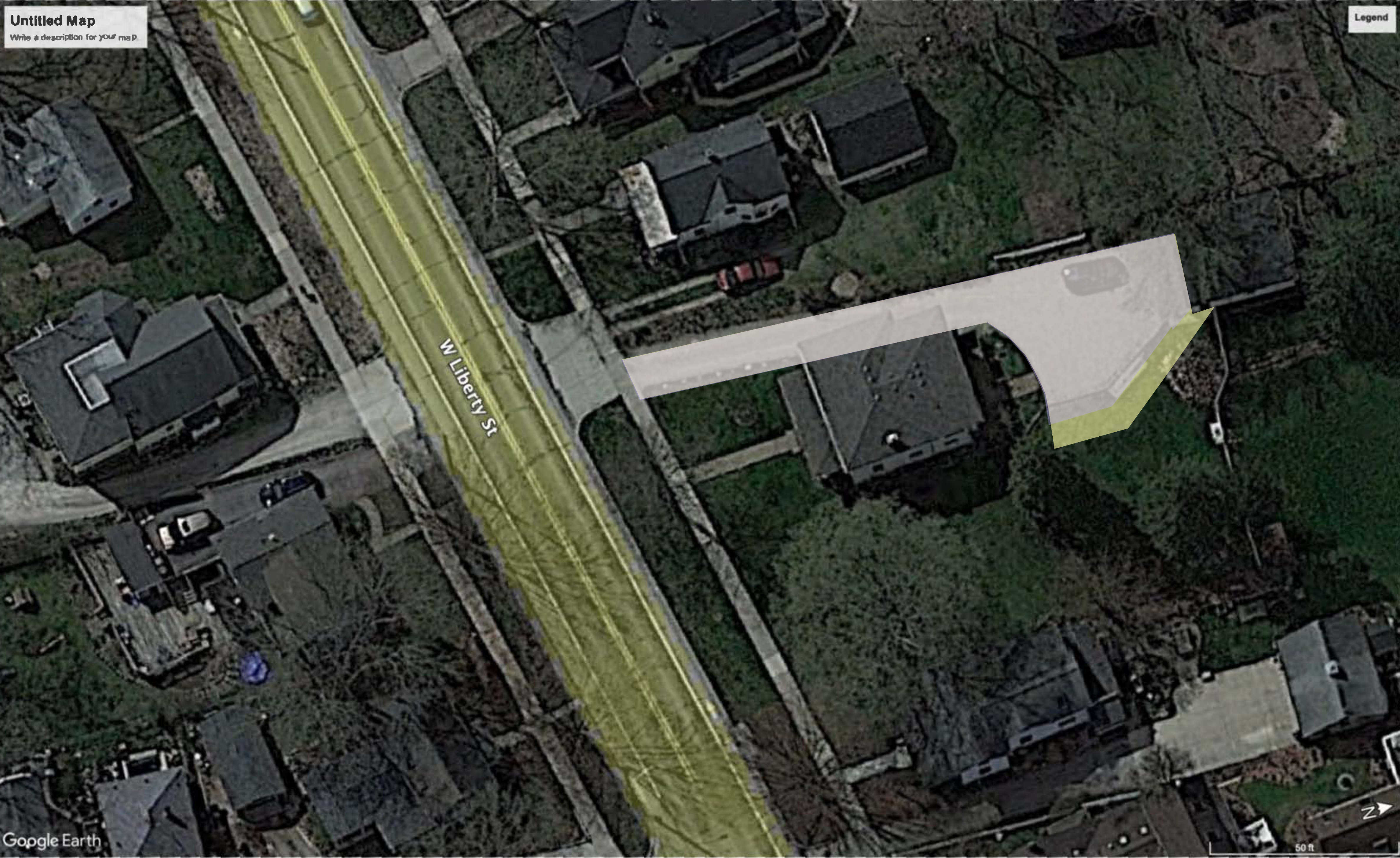
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