

Department of Inspections

Good news! The Department of Inspections is working hard towards some new strides in making permitting, payments, and inspection information available on-line for our customers. The Inspections Department started more than a year ago looking at ways to simplify a process in which our customers can obtain permits, make payments and acquire information as related to their projects i.e. inspection reports listing corrections that may need to be handled, re-inspections if required, and/or simply notes that could help the contractor with future projects. During this process we have looked at other city websites, inquired through phone conversations and visited sites that have been working under this system successfully such as Williamsburg, Virginia. During our many conversations and visits we also confirmed what we believe to be true throughout the country and that is that no two cities are the same and that we would have to develop a program suited for our city. Although most cities now follow the same International Building Codes, not all follow the same code compliance or payment process, which meant that we had to insure that we developed a system that would be conducive to the customers for the City of Hinesville. We learned very early in the process that with the diverse staff employed with the City of Hinesville and the partnership that our City has with other cities, it would only be a matter of time before the system could be up and running.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of all involved, our inspections in the near future, will be able to enter inspectors result information at the jobsite on



laptop computers and in just a matter of minutes, a contractor can access those results via the internet. This will allow the contractor to move forward with his project without the delay of waiting for an inspector to return to the office and process his reports. This system would also allow for the contractor to make payment for his permit on-line as well as review the status of the permitting process less the delay of travel to the Inspection Department.

It is our goal to provide a better service to all our customers and allow a faster manner in which the home owner and/or contractor can make payment as well as obtain inspection results without being on site at the time of the inspection.



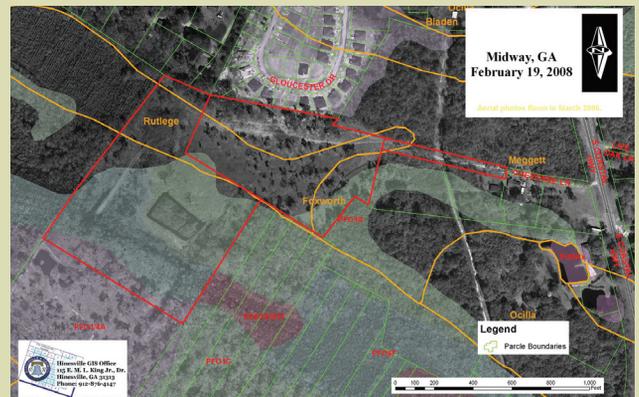
Hinesville GIS Office

Hinesville Geographic Information System Office (GIS Office) has been serving Liberty County GIS data to the public for five years. During this time, we have created simple boundary to display maps. We have produced maps for the homeowner to the commercial developers. The GIS Office does small to large projects using the spatial data available in office or from other sources. The GIS Office has aeriels for 1996 and 2006 in a digital format for all of Liberty County.

Property boundary maps use the assessor's office property boundaries, layered onto aeriels. This gives an idea of where property lines fall, where the house may sit on the property and other data. These maps are good for purposes that do not require an official survey. We can label parcels with parcel numbers or addresses. These maps can be used as site plans for fence permits in the Inspection Office. These maps can also be overlaid with the wetland, flood data, 2' contours and soil files. This gives an over all picture of your property with minimal investment of time and money.

Do you want to open a retail store and need to know population and traffic trends? We have traffic counts to show the busy streets. We have the tools to analyze the population by using the US Census information. We can take your list of addresses and pin point them on maps for you helping in routing and sales territories development. Realtors already use the GIS Office to help promote the sale of properties in Liberty County.

We are proud to say that our aeriels, 2' contours and LIDAR meet Nation Map Standards. What does that mean? The data meets the closeness or nearness of the measurements to the true or actual placement on the earth's surface as set by the U.S. Bureau of the Budget. The vertical accuracy is + or - one foot



and horizontal is + or - 6 inches. We are working on acquiring other data to that standard.

We are planning in the near future, the creation of other GIS data files, which could include building coverage, pavement area, sidewalks, light poles and edge of streets.

Map Facts

City of Hinesville has in the GIS database as of February 1, 2008:

- City of Hinesville is 13,510 acres or 21.11 square miles.
- City has 148 miles of roads.
- The number of manholes is 3,308.
- The length of sewer lines is 164 miles.
- The length of water lines is 170 miles.

The Hinesville GIS Office is located in city hall and is open Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. We have the most up to date street maps in town! To learn more about GIS, you can go to website: [www. GIS.com](http://www.GIS.com). For more information about the Hinesville GIS Office, please call 912-876-4147.

